



AIB - the proposed sale of a 49.99% interest in Bulgarian-American Credit Bank AD to CSIF AD

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Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") [NYSE:AIB] today announces that it has signed an agreement to sell its 49.99% shareholding in Bulgarian-American Credit Bank AD ("BACB") to CSIF AD ("CSIF") for an undisclosed amount. Completion of the transaction is conditional upon CSIF obtaining Bulgarian regulatory approvals and the transaction will have no material impact on AIB's capital position.

BACB is a publicly listed bank based in Sofia, Bulgaria, focused on small to medium sized enterprises. As at 31 December 2010, BACB reported consolidated total assets of €375.9 million and shareholders' equity of €96.6 million.

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