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AIB ANNOUNCES NEW POST AND NEW APPOINTMENTS

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. (“AIB”) [NYSE: AIB] has today announced that Donal Forde, currently Managing Director, AIB Bank Republic of Ireland (ROI), has been appointed Director of Group Strategy. This is a new post in which Mr Forde’s strong strategic management skills will be deployed to help ensure the company is equipped to successfully navigate and withstand the current market conditions and be well placed for future success.

Robbie Henneberry, currently Managing Director AIB Bank Great Britain (GB) and Northern Ireland (NI), has been appointed Managing Director of AIB Bank (ROI). Mr Henneberry, who joined AIB in 1980, has extensive banking experience, including credit management, personal, business and corporate banking.

Both appointments will take effect from 1 May 2009.

The new Managing Director of AIB Bank GB and NI will be appointed following the completion of the internal recruitment process which is currently underway.

The Board of AIB Group also announced today that Mr Forde has decided not to seek re-election to the Board at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 13 May 2009. Additionally, the term of Mr Michael J. Sullivan, Senior Independent Director, has been extended from 29 April 2009 to the AGM on 13 May 2009 and he will retire from the board at the conclusion of that meeting.

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