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**AIB ANNOUNCES CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER APPOINTMENT**

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") [NYSE: AIB] has today announced that Bernard Byrne, Group Financial and Commercial Director, ESB, has been appointed Chief Financial Officer (CFO), AIB Group.

Mr Byrne will take up his new post in May and will be a member of the AIB Group Executive Committee.

Mr Byrne began his career as a Chartered Accountant with PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PWC) in 1988. In 1994 he joined ESB International as Commercial Director, leaving in 1998 to take up the post of Finance Director with IWP International Plc. He re-joined ESB in 2004 as Group Finance Director and was appointed to his current position in 2009.

Colm Doherty AIB Group Managing Director said:-

*“Bernard brings with him a wide range of experience in the financial management of both domestic and internationally focussed organisations. His experience includes the financial management of operations in Ireland, the UK, Poland and the US – all of which are also significant AIB locations. His familiarity with our areas of operation coupled with the external perspective he brings to the role will be a major asset to the Group as we position ourselves for the future.”*

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