



For Immediate Release

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Publication of Prospectus in relation to the Admission of 198,089,847 New Ordinary Shares issued to the National Pensions Reserve Fund Commission on 13 May 2010

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. (“AIB”) [NYSE: AIB] (the “**Company**”) announces that a prospectus relating to the admission of 198,089,847 new ordinary shares of the Company, issued by way of bonus issue on 13 May 2010 to the National Pensions Reserve Fund Commission, to the Official Lists of the Irish Stock Exchange and the UK Listing Authority and to trading on the respective regulated markets for listed securities of the Irish Stock Exchange and the London Stock Exchange (the “**Prospectus**”) was today approved by the Irish Financial Regulator, as competent authority under the Prospectus Directive.

It is expected that the new ordinary shares will commence trading on the Irish Stock Exchange and the London Stock Exchange on 10 September 2010.

The Prospectus will shortly be available from the Company's website at www.aibgroup.com/investorrelations and via the National Storage Mechanism, which is located at <http://www.hemscott.com/nsm.do>.

A copy of the Prospectus will also shortly be available for inspection at:
Company Announcements Office,
Irish Stock Exchange,
28 Anglesea Street,
Dublin 2,
Ireland.
Tel: + 353 1 6174200.

Save as otherwise defined, all capitalised/defined terms in this announcement have the same meaning as those contained in the Prospectus.

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