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**AIB's continuing businesses - net interest margin**

In its 2010 Half-Yearly Financial Report announced on 4<sup>th</sup> August, Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") [NYSE: AIB] disclosed a series of key 2013 performance targets for AIB's continuing businesses (Republic of Ireland and Capital Markets divisions, and excluding its Polish business, its UK business, and its shareholding in M&T Bank Corporation). Following the recent agreement to sell its Polish interests, AIB is making this announcement to aid understanding of AIB's continuing businesses.

The targets disclosed in AIB's announcement of 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010 included a net interest margin ("NIM") target of c. 180 basis points ("bps") by 2013. For the continuing businesses, excluding the cost of the Eligible Liabilities Guarantee Scheme, and further adjusted to remove NAMA loans and income, the NIM for the six months to 30 June 2010 would have been 155 bps. On that same basis, average interest earning assets as at 30 June 2010 would have been c. €109 billion and, applying the NIM of 155 bps to this figure, would have resulted in annualised net interest income of c. €1.69 billion. The component parts of that €1.69 billion of net interest income are estimated by management to comprise net loan income of c. €1.56 billion, net deposit cost of c. €120 million, funding cost of c. €310 million and treasury / other income of c. €560 million.

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