



ALLIED IRISH BANKS, P.L.C. (THE "BANK")

ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO LAUNCH AN OFFER TO PURCHASE FOR CASH AND A SOLICITATION OF CONSENTS IN RELATION TO ITS OUTSTANDING TIER 1 AND TIER 2 SECURITIES

The Bank hereby announces that:

(i) it intends to invite holders ("**Holders**") who are eligible to (a) tender any and all of the Notes (as set out below under the heading Description of the Notes, the "**Notes**"), the RCIs (as set out below under the heading Description of the RCIs, the "**RCIs**") and the PPS (as set out below under the heading Description of the PPS, the "**PPS**") and together with the Notes and the RCIs, the "**Securities**" and each series thereof, a "**Series**") for purchase by the Bank for cash and (b) consent (the "**AIB Consent Invitation**") to certain modifications of the terms of the Notes and the RCIs (together, the "**AIB Offer**"); and

(ii) AIB G.P. No. 1 Limited ("**AIB GP**") intends to invite Holders of the PPS to consent (the "**LP Consent Invitation**") and together with the AIB Consent Invitation, the "**Consent Invitations**" and each a "**Consent Invitation**") to certain modifications of the terms of the PPS (together with the Bank's invitation to such Holders, the "**LP Offer**" and together with the AIB Offer, the "**Offers**" and each an "**Offer**").

The Offers will be made upon the terms and subject to the conditions contained in a tender and consent memorandum expected to be dated 13 May 2011 (the "**Tender and Consent Memorandum**"). The Offers will be made available to all Holders (including Holders who are U.S. persons and/or located in the United States), subject to compliance with all relevant securities laws, including United States securities laws.

On 13 April 2011 the Minister made a proposed subordinated liabilities order under Section 28 of the Credit Institutions (Stabilisation) Act 2010 (the "**Stabilisation Act**") in respect of the Securities. On 14 April 2011 the High Court of Ireland (the "**High Court**") made a subordinated liabilities order in respect of the Securities (the "**SLO**") pursuant to Section 29 of the Stabilisation Act. The purpose of the SLO is to make certain amendments to the terms of the Securities, further details of which are set out in the announcement made by AIB on 14 April 2011.

Two of the Holders of certain Series of the Securities have since challenged the making of the SLO in proceedings before the High Court. The High Court has set a date of 2 June 2011 to hear the challenges. No assurance can be given as to when the hearing of the challenges will conclude or as to when any judgment will be delivered following such hearing or the timing in relation to any appeal process that may be pursued following any such judgment.

Pursuant to the Offers, the Bank expects that it will pay the relative amount set out below against each Series of Notes, RCIs or PPS, as applicable (in each case the "**Purchase Price**") accepted by the Bank for purchase pursuant to the relevant Offer.

The Consent Invitations will invite Holders to consider an extraordinary resolution (each an "**Extraordinary Resolution**") to amend the terms and conditions of their Notes, RCIs or PPS, as the case may be, to:

(i) provide for the issuer of each Series of Notes, RCIs or PPS to have the option to redeem or purchase all, but not some only, of the relevant Notes, RCIs or PPS (as applicable) remaining (if any) on completion of the Offers at a price equal to €0.01 per €1,000, £0.01 per £1,000 or U.S.\$0.01 per U.S.\$1,000, in each case in nominal amount of the relevant Notes, RCIs or PPS; and

(ii) in relation to the PPS, to provide for the terms of the PPS (or the guarantees in respect thereof) to be amended to remove any restriction on any repurchase or redemption by the Bank of junior or parity securities in the event that the Bank elects not to pay any scheduled distributions on the relevant PPS.

The submission of a valid instruction to tender Notes, RCIs or PPS, as the case may be, in the Offers will automatically act as such Holder's consent to the relevant Extraordinary Resolution.

No amount will be paid by the Bank or any other person pursuant to the Offers in respect of any accrued interest or arrears of interest on the Securities.

The Offers will consist of separate offers for each Series of Notes, the RCIs and each Series of PPS and the purchase of any Notes, RCIs or PPS will not be conditional on the purchase of any other Notes, RCIs or PPS or on a minimum principal amount of any Notes, RCIs and/or PPS being acquired (subject, where applicable, to the passing of the relevant Extraordinary Resolution to permit the relevant purchase).

| Description of the Notes | Common code/ISIN | Outstanding nominal amount | Amount subject to the AIB Offer | Tender Purchase Price |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| £350,000,000 Subordinated Callable Fixed/Floating Rate Notes due 2030 | 018077850/ XS0180778507 | £145,000 | Any and all | £250 for each £1,000 in nominal amount |
| U.S.\$400,000,000 Dated Callable Step-Up Subordinated Notes due 2015 | 019799387/ XS0197993875 | U.S.\$39,316,000 | Any and all | U.S.\$250 for each U.S.\$1,000 in nominal amount |
| €400,000,000 Subordinated Callable Step-Up Floating Rate Notes due 2015 | 020884592/ XS0208845924 | €48,534,000 | Any and all | €250 for each €1,000 in nominal amount |
| £500,000,000 Subordinated Callable Fixed/Floating Rate Notes due 2025 | 021410705/ XS0214107053 | £1,261,000 | Any and all | £250 for each £1,000 in nominal amount |
| €500,000,000 Callable Subordinated Step-Up Floating Rate Notes due 2017 | 023249839/ XS0232498393 | €75,215,000 | Any and all | €250 for each €1,000 in nominal amount |
| £700,000,000 Callable Dated Subordinated Fixed to Floating Rate Notes due July 2023 | 036806893/ XS0368068937 | £35,357,000 | Any and all | £250 for each £1,000 in nominal amount |
| £368,253,000 12.5 per cent. Subordinated Notes due 25 June 2019 | 043595768/ XS0435957682 | £215,963,000 | Any and all | £250 for each £1,000 in nominal amount |
| €868,518,000 12.5 per cent. Subordinated Notes due 25 June 2019 | 043595318/ XS0435953186 | €628,448,000 | Any and all | €250 for each €1,000 in nominal amount |
| €419,070,000 10.75 per cent. Subordinated Notes due 2017 | 049853211/ XS0498532117 | €217,920,000 | Any and all | €225 for each €1,000 in nominal amount |
| U.S.\$177,096,000 10.75 per cent. Subordinated Notes due 2017 | 049853017/ XS0498530178 | U.S.\$108,104,999 | Any and all | U.S.\$225 for each U.S.\$1,000 in nominal amount |
| £1,096,645,000 11.50 per cent. Subordinated Notes due 2022 | 049853106/ XS0498531069 | £385,344,000 | Any and all | £225 for each £1,000 in nominal amount |
| €200,000,000 Perpetual Subordinated Callable Step-Up Notes | 010032598/ XS0100325983 | €53,793,000 | Any and all | €100 for each €1,000 in nominal amount |
| £400,000,000 Perpetual Callable Step-Up Subordinated Notes | 022740962/ XS0227409629 | £58,608,000 | Any and all | £100 for each £1,000 in nominal amount |

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| U.S.\$100,000,000 Subordinated Primary Capital Perpetual Floating Rate Notes | IE0000189625 | U.S.\$100,000,000 | Any and all | U.S.\$100 for each U.S.\$1,000 in nominal amount |
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| Description of the RCIs | Common code/ISIN | Outstanding nominal amount | Amount subject to the AIB Offer | Tender Purchase Price |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| €500,000,000 7.50 per cent. Step-Up Callable Perpetual Reserve Capital Instruments | 0120950515/ XS0120950158 | €240,435,000 | Any and all | €100 for each €1,000 in nominal amount |

| Description of the PPS | Common code/ISIN | Outstanding nominal amount | Amount subject to the AIB Offer | Tender Purchase Price |
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| AIB UK 1 LP €1,000,000,000 Fixed Rate/Floating Rate Guaranteed Non-voting Non-cumulative Perpetual Preferred Securities | 020810505/ XS0208105055 | €191,398,000 | Any and all | €100 for each €1,000 in nominal amount |
| AIB UK 2 LP €500,000,000 Fixed Rate/Floating Rate Guaranteed Non-voting Non-cumulative Perpetual Preferred Securities | 025773403/ XS0257734037 | €95,041,000 | Any and all | €100 for each €1,000 in nominal amount |
| AIB UK 3 LP £350,000,000 Fixed Rate/Floating Rate Guaranteed Non-voting Non-cumulative Perpetual Preferred Securities | 025757106/ XS0257571066 | £36,728,000 | Any and all | £100 for each £1,000 in nominal amount |

The following table sets out the expected dates and times of the key events relating to the Offers. This is an indicative timetable and is subject to change and confirmation in the Tender and Consent Memorandum.

| Date and time | Event |
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| Friday, 13 May 2011 | <i>Expected launch date of the Offers</i> |
| Monday, 13 June 2011 at midnight (New York time) | <i>Earliest expected expiration deadline</i> |
| Tuesday, 14 June 2011 | <i>Earliest expected preliminary results announcement</i> |
| Thursday, 16 June 2011 | <i>Earliest expected meeting dates in relation to the applicable Consent Invitation</i> |
| As soon as reasonably practicable after conclusion of the Meetings | <i>Earliest expected announcement of results of meetings and Offers</i> |
| Friday, 17 June 2011 | <i>Earliest expected settlement date</i> |

The Bank intends, so far as it is able and to the extent that it is consistent with the Bank's broader objectives, to accommodate an orderly unwind of credit default swap positions in respect of the Securities within the structure of, and timetable for, the Offers. Accordingly, in order to facilitate this process, the Bank may provide for a settlement date in respect of one of the Series of Notes to be later than the settlement date for all other Series of Securities.

Requests for information in relation to this announcement and the proposed Offers should be directed to the Dealer Manager appointed for the purpose of the Offers:

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No offer or invitation to acquire or exchange any securities is being made pursuant to this announcement. Nothing in this announcement constitutes an invitation to participate in the Offers which will only be made through the Tender and Consent Memorandum once published. The terms and conditions of the Offers will be as set out in the Tender and Consent Memorandum.

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