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ALLIED IRISH BANKS, P.L.C. (“AIB”) INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

In the second half of 2011 to date, we have been working hard to continuously improve customer service, structure, processes and practices in the now merged AIB/EBS. This work is being done in circumstances where difficult trading conditions are continuing to affect the bank’s financial performance.

OVERVIEW

Progress is being made in a number of key areas:

- New CEO and Transformation Director appointments announced.
- Recapitalisation required under the 2011 Prudential Capital Assessment Review (PCAR) now completed. AIB’s capital adequacy subsequently confirmed by the most recent European Banking Authority (EBA) stress tests announcement.
- Customer deposits have stabilised.
- Non core deleveraging of €10.7 billion, over 50% of end 2013 deleveraging target has been achieved, strong pipeline for more disposals by year end. Total overall reduction of c. €46 billion in loans, from c. €147 billion to c. €101 billion, over 21 months period to the end of September 2011.
- Improved customer access to products and services
- Extensive and increasing support being provided to customers in difficulty.
- EBS is being successfully aligned and integrated.

TRADING UPDATE

- The Irish economy is showing encouraging signs of growth driven by increased competitiveness. There has been an improvement in market sentiment towards Ireland due to Government’s impressive adherence to EU/IMF programme conditions. However, challenging environment remains in many domestic sectors, demand being affected by strict and continuing austerity measures. The future economic performance in Ireland will be strongly influenced by events in Europe, where conditions are currently volatile and uncertain.
- Liability Management Exercises, higher levels of capital and no utilisation of higher cost, non standard Central Bank facilities since April have helped stabilise our net interest margin in the third quarter, compared to the half year figure. However, income pressures persist and may intensify in a lower interest rate environment.
- Net income continues to be negatively affected by elevated costs of deposits and funding and Government Guarantee costs. As deleveraging continues, reliance on ECB facilities should reduce which is welcome but will further emphasise the higher cost of customer deposits.
- Lower earning loan volumes as impaired loans continue to increase and volume of new business continues to be affected by muted customer demand.
- Costs are broadly stable in the 9 months to September vs same period in 2010, lower staff costs have been offset by higher restructuring and transformation costs and also higher cost of resources required to work with customers in difficulty. Negotiations are ongoing to find agreement on a severance programme that is acceptable to all stakeholders.

ASSET QUALITY

- Impaired loans have continued to increase across business and personal sectors, levels of arrears in the mortgage book increased in the third quarter for both AIB and EBS.
- Expected bad debt provisions for 2011 will reflect the continued asset quality deterioration. The provisions that AIB incurs in 2011 will also reflect the Central Bank of Ireland’s guidance* that banks

should adopt a more conservative and prudent approach to provisioning, to the extent possible within International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

- The bad debt provisions for 2011 should position AIB to reduce its bad debt charge in 2012. The outlook for 2012 and beyond will be influenced by the domestic and international economic environment.
- NAMA transfers completed in October, €20.4bn in total transferred at an overall discount of c. 55%.

CUSTOMER ACTIVITY AND FUNDING

- Improving customer access to products and services, taking steps to simplify the credit application and fulfilment process to better satisfy customer requirements. Recruiting, training and deploying staff to engage and deliver in locations and at times that suit our customers.
- Committed to continue providing a range of highly competitive products and services to customers, including lowest priced variable rate mortgages.
- In the year to date, AIB / EBS has supported over 12,000 customers in difficulty with mortgage repayments on their homes. Identifying and will speedily implement further solutions for our customers under the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Strategy.
- Over 800 dedicated staff (an increase of 200 in last 6 months) are assigned to specialised lending units around the country, managing 29,000 SME customers in difficulty.
- Deposits have been stable in recent months, particularly since recapitalisation completed in July. Some early signs of balances increasing, though competition is intense and pricing very high.
- Value of EBS brand underlined by the strong resilience of its deposits.

NON-CORE DELEVERAGING

- To date, AIB has exceeded the 2011 objectives agreed with the Central Bank of Ireland as part of the Financial Measures Programme in terms of amount delevered, overall cumulative haircut achieved and total capital impact.
- Achieved €10.7 billion of non core deleveraging by the end of October 2011 through execution of a controlled strategy, featuring asset disposals, repayments and redemptions and increased provisioning.
- Asset disposals comprised principally property, project and leveraged finance assets located in the United States and Europe.
- Disposals achieved at better discounts than those assumed in the base case of the Financial Measures Programme and the capital impact of disposals to date has been broadly neutral.
- The pipeline for further asset disposals to year end remains strong, containing over €1bn, subject to market conditions.
- Repayments and redemptions to date principally in overseas locations. Achieved through a deliberate strategy to accelerate run-off and amortisation of non core assets located abroad, thereby minimising losses and preserving capital.
- The non-core team continues to prepare the pipeline for further non-core asset disposals.

CAPITAL

- Following completion of the recapitalisation programme, AIB is adequately capitalised as underlined by the recent EBA tests of European banks. At end of September, AIB's core tier one capital ratio was c. 20%.

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