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**ALLIED IRISH BANKS, P.L.C. ("AIB")  
INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT**

**TRADING & FUNDING UPDATE**

The bank's trading performance in Quarter 3 to end September 2013 continued to improve in line with expectations with ongoing progress made in implementing the bank's strategic objectives and continued momentum in the bank's operating profile. Overall operating income benefited from positive expansion in Net Interest Margin (NIM) due to ongoing strategic actions to re-price assets and liabilities and the reduction in Eligible Liabilities Guarantee (ELG) costs. Excluding ELG costs, average NIM for Quarter 3 2013 was in excess of 1.4% and in excess of 1.6% excluding ELG and NAMA Senior bonds. Operating expenses, including staff costs, have reduced due to management's focus on and control of the cost agenda. The bank's voluntary severance programme is ongoing.

Growth in customer account balances to 30 September 2013 coupled with a reduction in gross and net loans resulted in a loan to deposit ratio of c.104% at end September 2013 (106% at 30 June 2013). Additionally, on 24 September, AIB announced the completion of its €20.5bn non-core deleveraging plan ahead of schedule and with a positive capital variance versus original capital loss assumptions. AIB remains committed to supporting the Irish economy through lending to personal, business and corporate customers and the bank will continue to seek opportunities to use available capital to increase lending activity. While the rate of loan redemptions continues to exceed new lending drawdowns, the Bank notes increasing levels of activity in respect of new credit demand.

Overall levels of wholesale funding have reduced from 30 June 2013 and reliance on funding from Monetary Authorities decreased to c. €16bn at end September 2013 (€18bn at 30 June 2013). AIB has continued its balanced and structured approach to engagement with wholesale funding markets in 2013 and has successfully completed three issuances in the year to date including a €500m 5-year Asset Covered Security issuance in September 2013 and a €500m 2-year Credit Card securitisation in October 2013.

**ASSET QUALITY**

There are signs of stabilisation in the credit quality of the bank's loan portfolios with the pace of new impairments slowing significantly year on year. The pace of new impairments in the mortgage portfolios slowed in Quarter 3 2013 and the rate of increase in total mortgage arrears was down significantly versus the first six months of 2013. Overall impairment charges on the bank's loan portfolios are trending lower in line with expectations.

AIB continues to meet its targets in relation to the resolution of both SME and mortgage customers in arrears which is a key immediate priority for the bank and ongoing progress has been made in relation to offering solutions to customers in financial difficulty who are engaging with the bank.

The Central Bank of Ireland is currently conducting an Asset Quality Review and Balance Sheet Assessment of the credit institutions covered under the ELG, including AIB. This review comprises an assessment of impairment provisions, credit modelling including forbearance treatment and a review of Risk Weighted Assets. It is expected that this exercise will continue during the fourth quarter of 2013.

## **CAPITAL**

AIB's capital ratios remain broadly in line with 30 June 2013 levels, significantly above the minimum regulatory requirements.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS AND EU RESTRUCTURING PLAN**

Following the recent announcements as part of the Irish budget in October 2013, AIB initially estimates a charge of c. €60m per annum will arise during 2014, 2015 and 2016 as a result of the introduction of an annual banking levy. In relation to the proposal to alter the tax provision which currently restricts the use of Irish tax losses carried forward by NAMA banks, the bank notes that this change will facilitate a faster utilisation of current deferred tax levels.

Finally, discussions with the European Commission in relation to the final approval of AIB's Restructuring Plan are now at an advanced stage.

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### **Important Information**

AIB has c.521 billion ordinary shares, 99.8% of which are held by the National Pensions Reserve Fund Commission (NPRFC), mainly following the issue of 500 billion ordinary shares to the NPRFC at €0.01 per share in July 2011.

This Interim Management Statement should be considered in parallel with AIB's Half Yearly Financial Report for 2013, a copy of which including full disclosures and notes to the financial statements can be found at the following link:

[www.aibgroup.com/investorrelations](http://www.aibgroup.com/investorrelations)

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