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**AIB announces the completion of its Non-Core Loan Deleveraging Plan**

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. (“AIB”) confirms completion of its Deleveraging Plan (‘the Plan’), a significant milestone in the bank’s overall restructuring as part of its strategy to return to sustainable profitability.

Under the terms of the March 2011 Prudential Liquidity Adequacy Review (“PLAR”) contained in the Financial Measures Programme, AIB was required to deleverage €20.5bn of non-core loans by December 2013. Despite challenging market conditions in recent years the Plan has been achieved ahead of schedule and with a positive capital variance versus the Financial Measures Programme assumptions.

Completion of the Plan coupled with a growth in customer accounts has seen the bank’s loan to deposit ratio decrease from 165% at December 2010 to 106% at June 2013, significantly below the original end 2013 PLAR threshold of 122.5%.

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## Forward-looking statements

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