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## **AIB GROUP PLC – SALE OF NON-PERFORMING LOAN PORTFOLIO**

AIB Group plc (“AIB”) has agreed to sell a non-performing loan portfolio in long-term default to Mars Capital Finance Ireland DAC (“Mars”), as part of a consortium that includes Ellington Management Group. This is another important step in reducing our Non-Performing Exposures (NPE).

At completion, AIB will receive cash consideration of approximately €0.4 billion. The proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes, including the continuation of support for customer restructuring.

The sale is expected to be capital accretive and alleviates the negative impact of calendar provisioning associated with this long-term NPE portfolio.

As at June 2021, the loan portfolio had a gross NPE value of c.€0.4 billion and a fully loaded risk-weighted assets (RWA) position of c.€0.3 billion. In the year ended 31 December 2020, the loan portfolio incurred a loss before tax and post-provisions of c.€56 million.

The portfolio consists of c.2,150 non-performing customer connections, with an average time in default of c.9 years. All customers were in default prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

All customers in the loan portfolio sale will continue to have the same regulatory protections under the Consumer Protection Code (CPC) and the Code of Conduct on Mortgage Arrears (CCMA) after the sale. The loans will be sold with the benefit of existing legal protections under the customers’ loan contracts.

The reduction of long-term NPEs remains a priority for AIB, given their significant and unsustainable capital costs. The completion of this transaction brings the June 2021 pro-forma NPE ratio to under 6% from 6.5%. We continue to make progress towards our medium-term NPE target of c.3%.

### **Further information:**

- AIB’s preference is to work with customers to implement sustainable solutions. We have provided over 115,000 solutions to customers, including over 48,000 private dwelling homes (PDH) customers. This has been achieved by offering customers a comprehensive range of solutions over an extended number of years, partnering with the enhanced Mortgage-to-Rent scheme with significant success, and the completion of a series of proactive customer contact and engagement programmes.
- AIB continues to dedicate a considerable number of staff across the country to support customers who are in financial difficulty.
- The buyer, Mars, is a regulated entity and will be responsible for all regulated activities in relation to the portfolio and will also service the portfolio.
- The portfolio comprises residential assets, including c.88% PDH. The portfolio extends across c.2,300 properties.
- AIB will now contact impacted customers to inform them that their loans are being transferred.

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