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## AIB GROUP PLC - STATEMENT ON STATE DIVESTMENT

AIB Group plc notes the announcement by the Irish Department of Finance regarding the sell down of approximately 5% of the issued ordinary capital of the Group, which brings the State's shareholding to c. 57%.

Commenting on the share sale, Colin Hunt, AIB Group plc Chief Executive said:

*"We very much welcome the decision and subsequent transaction undertaken by the Minister for Finance, Mr Paschal Donohoe, which has led to a further divestment of the State's shareholding in AIB Group plc to c. 57%.*

*It is another important development in the process of returning the State's investment in the Group and a normalisation of the share register. AIB owes the Irish taxpayer an immense debt of gratitude for its support during the financial crisis.*

*We remain focused on our strategy to grow and strengthen the Group to ensure we continue generating sustainable returns for all our shareholders."*

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