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**AIB Group plc**  
**€91 million Share Buyback Programme**

AIB Group plc (“AIB” or the “Company”) announces the commencement of a share buyback programme whereby it will repurchase ordinary shares of AIB (the “Shares”) for up to a maximum aggregate amount of €91 million.

The share buyback programme will include (i) an on-market buyback of Shares (the “OM Buyback”) and (ii) a directed buyback of Shares from the Minister for Finance (the “Minister”) (the “Directed Buyback”) and will commence today, 5 May 2022, and may continue until 30 December 2022 subject to market conditions, the ongoing capital requirements of the business and termination provisions customary for arrangements of this nature. All Shares repurchased under the share buyback programme will be cancelled.

AIB has entered into a non-discretionary agreement with Goodbody Stockbrokers UC, acting as agent, to conduct the OM Buyback and to repurchase Shares on AIB’s behalf and to make trading decisions under the OM Buyback independently of AIB in accordance with certain pre-set parameters. These Shares will be repurchased on Euronext Dublin. Given the maximum aggregate amount of the share buyback programme and the terms of the Directed Buyback agreed with the Minister (described below), the OM Buyback is expected to be for a maximum aggregate amount of approximately €27 million.

In connection with the share buyback programme, AIB has agreed with the Minister to undertake Directed Buybacks from the Minister in such amounts that will ensure that, as the OM Buyback is implemented, the Minister’s relative shareholding in AIB does not increase as a result of any such OM Buyback. The Minister has agreed with AIB to participate in Directed Buybacks in order to avoid their percentage shareholding in AIB increasing as a result of any such OM Buyback. The Directed Buybacks are therefore expected to happen on a daily basis (at the Euronext Dublin AIB closing price on such day) when any OM Buyback occurs. For the purpose of Chapter 11 of the Euronext Dublin Rule Book: Book II (the “Irish Listing Rules”) and Chapter 11 of the UK Listing Rules, the Directed Buyback Contract between AIB and the Minister constitutes a smaller related party transaction under Irish Listing Rule 11.1.15 and UK Listing Rule 11.1.10R. The aggregate amount of any such Directed Buybacks is expected to be approximately €64 million, assuming the aggregate amount of OM Buybacks is €27 million. AIB and the Minister also retain the discretion to agree Directed Buybacks of a greater amount to reduce the Minister’s shareholding in AIB, subject to the aggregate amount of OM Buybacks and Directed Buybacks not exceeding €91 million.

The share buyback programme will be conducted initially in accordance with the Company’s on-market and directed buyback authorities as approved by shareholders at the Company’s AGM on 6 May 2021, and the continuation of the share buyback programme will be contingent on the approval of AIB shareholders of renewed repurchase authorities at the Company’s AGM later today. The OM Buyback will be conducted in accordance with the parameters prescribed by the Market Abuse Regulation 596/2014/EU, the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1052 and the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1052 (also as in force in the United Kingdom (“UK”), from time to time, including, where relevant, pursuant to the UK’s Market Abuse (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019) as well as the applicable laws and regulations of Euronext Dublin. The maximum number of Shares that could be repurchased under the OM Buyback is 72.8 million. The purpose of the OM Buyback is to reduce the share capital of AIB.

Colin Hunt, Chief Executive Officer, commented:

*"I am pleased to announce the commencement of our share buyback programme today. This positive development will enhance shareholder value for all investors. Additionally it will facilitate the repayment of funds invested into AIB on behalf of the Irish State, for which we are grateful. With a Q1 CET1 of 16.6%, AIB remains well-capitalised with a progressive dividend policy and capacity for surplus return. Throughout 2021 we accelerated the delivery of our strategy and with strong momentum in Q1 2022, we have a clear path to generating and returning shareholder value."*

Details of any Shares repurchased will be notified to a Regulatory Information Service by the Company following any repurchase.

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## **Forward Looking Statement**

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