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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. 46.9%.

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

*"We very much welcome the decision and subsequent transaction undertaken by the Minister for Finance, Mr Michael McGrath, which has led to a further divestment of the State's shareholding in AIB Group plc to c. 46.9%.*

*It is another important development in the process of returning the State's investment in the Group and a normalisation of the share register. Today also marks a significant milestone for the Group as we return to majority private ownership. 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 to support our customers and generate sustainable returns for all our shareholders."*

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