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### **Board Appointments at AIB**

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") announces the appointments today of Mr. Simon Ball and Mr. Thomas Wacker as Non-Executive Directors.

Simon Ball is currently the Non-Executive Deputy Chairman and Senior Independent Director of Cable & Wireless Communications plc, and a Non-Executive Director of Tribal Group plc. Prior to this, Simon has served as Group Finance Director of 3i Group plc and the Robert Fleming Group, held a series of senior finance and operational roles at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, and was Director General, Finance for HMG Department for Constitutional Affairs.

Thomas Wacker is a Non-Executive Director and former Chief Executive Officer of Belmont Advisors (UK) limited. Tom is a former Chief Executive of IFG Group plc's offshore business and Non-Executive Director of the parent company. He is a Non-Executive Director of the USA Rugby Board and is the former Chief Executive Officer of the International Rugby Board. Prior to this, Tom has held senior management roles with Royal Trust Company of Canada, Bank of Montreal, Citibank, and Citigroup Investment Banking Group.

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