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**ALLIED IRISH BANKS, P.L.C. (“AIB Bank”)
AIB GROUP PLC (“AIB HoldCo”)**

**Update on the resolution strategy for AIB Bank and its subsidiaries (“AIB” or the “AIB Group”)
and admission to trading of the AIB HoldCo Shares**

The scheme of arrangement pursuant to which AIB HoldCo is introduced as the holding company of the AIB Group became effective at 6 p.m. on Friday, 8 December 2017 (the **“Scheme Effective Date”**). Trading in ordinary shares in AIB HoldCo (**“AIB HoldCo Shares”**) will commence at 8.00 a.m. today, Monday, 11 December 2017.

Settlement of AIB HoldCo Shares

In accordance with the terms of the Scheme, AIB Bank Shareholders (other than AIB HoldCo) (**“Scheme Shareholders”**) at 6.00 p.m. on Friday, 8 December 2017 have been issued with one AIB HoldCo Share for every AIB Bank Share held at such time.

Scheme Shareholders who held their AIB Bank Shares in uncertificated form will have their CREST accounts credited with their entitlement to AIB HoldCo Shares today Monday, 11 December 2017. Scheme Shareholders who held their AIB Bank Shares in certificated form will be issued with share certificates in respect of their AIB HoldCo Shares in January 2018.

Shareholders are advised that all instructions, mandates, elections, communication preferences and group requirements relating to notices and other communications in respect of ordinary shares in effect on the Scheme Effective Date will, unless and until varied or revoked, be deemed from the Scheme Effective Date to be valid and effective mandates or instructions to AIB HoldCo in relation to the corresponding holding of AIB HoldCo Shares.

Cancellation of listing of AIB Bank Shares

Friday, 8 December 2017 was the last day of trading in AIB Bank Shares and the AIB Bank Shares will therefore be delisted from the primary listing segment of the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange and the premium listing segment of the Official List of the FCA and from trading on the Irish Stock Exchange’s main securities market and the London Stock Exchange’s main market for listed securities with effect from 8.00 a.m. today. AIB Bank Shares in uncertificated form have been disabled in CREST. In

accordance with the terms of the Scheme, the Cancellation Shares have been cancelled and 2,714,381,237 AIB Bank Shares have been issued to AIB HoldCo.

Admission to trading of AIB HoldCo Shares

With effect from 8.00 a.m. today, Monday 11 December 2017, the entire issued ordinary share capital of AIB HoldCo will be admitted to the primary listing segment of the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange and to the premium listing segment of the Official List of the FCA and to trading on the Irish Stock Exchange's main securities market and the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities.

The AIB HoldCo Shares are registered under ISIN: IE00BF0L3536 for both the Irish Stock Exchange and the London Stock Exchange. The SEDOL for the Irish Stock Exchange will be BF0L353. The SEDOL for the London Stock Exchange will be BF4KR65. The TIDM for AIB HoldCo Shares on the Irish Stock Exchange and the London Stock Exchange will be AIBG.

Share capital/Voting rights

AIB HoldCo confirms that the total number of AIB HoldCo Shares in issue at 11 December 2017 is 2,714,381,237 with a nominal value of €2.47 each, with each AIB HoldCo Share carrying the right to one vote. AIB HoldCo does not hold any AIB HoldCo Shares in treasury. AIB HoldCo also confirms that it has 40,000 Subscriber Shares in issue with a nominal value of €0.625 each, which shares carry no voting or income rights and have only limited rights on a return of capital. The 40,000 Subscriber Shares will be redeemed at par and cancelled at an appropriate time. AIB HoldCo does not hold any subscriber shares in treasury.

In accordance with the requirements of the Transparency (Directive 2004/109/EC) Regulations 2007 (as amended) (the "**Irish Transparency Regulations**"), each major shareholder in AIB Bank, who following the Scheme becoming effective became a major shareholder in AIB HoldCo, is required to file a Form TR-1 to reflect its holding of shares in AIB HoldCo on the Scheme becoming effective. The Form TR-1 should be sent to both AIB HoldCo and to the Central Bank of Ireland as soon as possible but not later than 13 December 2017.

The figure which may be used by shareholders as the denominator for the calculations by which they will determine if they are required to notify their interest in, or a change to their interest in AIB HoldCo under the Irish Transparency Regulations and the Transparency Rules issued by the Central Bank of Ireland thereunder (the "**Irish Transparency Rules**") is, therefore, 2,714,381,237.

AIB HoldCo Reduction of Capital

AIB HoldCo has sought the approval of the High Court for a reduction of AIB HoldCo's share capital by reducing the nominal value of the AIB HoldCo Shares from €2.47 to €0.625 (i.e. thereby replicating the nominal value of AIB Bank Shares). The High Court hearing for such purpose is scheduled to occur on Wednesday, 13 December 2017 and a further announcement will be made following such hearing.

Transparency Directive

In conformity with Regulation 2A(4)(a) of the Irish Transparency Regulations, AIB HoldCo notifies the public that its Home Member State for the purposes of the Irish Transparency Regulations, the Irish Transparency Rules and the Transparency Directive (Directive 2004/109/EC) is Ireland.

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The AIB HoldCo Shares to be issued under or in connection with the Scheme to a Scheme Shareholder who is neither an affiliate, for the purpose of the Securities Act, of AIB Bank or AIB HoldCo on or prior to the time the Scheme becomes effective nor an affiliate of AIB HoldCo at the Scheme Effective Time would not be “restricted securities” under the Securities Act. Scheme Shareholders who are affiliates of AIB Bank or AIB HoldCo on or prior to the Scheme Effective Time or affiliates of AIB HoldCo after the Scheme Effective Time may, under Rule 145(d) under the Securities Act, be subject to timing, manner of sale and volume restrictions on the sale of AIB HoldCo Shares received in connection with the Scheme.

The Scheme is subject to the disclosure requirements and practices applicable in Ireland to schemes of arrangement and capital reductions, which differ from the disclosure and other requirements of U.S. securities laws.

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