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Form 6-K  
May 14, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the date of 14 May, 2004

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, public limited company

Bankcentre, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Republic of Ireland

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports  
under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F..X... Form 40-F.....

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information  
contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the  
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes ..... No ..X...

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant  
in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- \_\_\_\_\_

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

14th MAY, 2004

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, p.l.c. (AIB) announces Independent Assurer

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") (NYSE:AIB) has today announced that Mr Lauri  
McDonnell has been appointed as the independent assurer of the investigation  
into certain foreign exchange

charges made by AIB. This appointment has been approved by the Irish Financial  
Services Regulatory Authority (IFSRA).

Mr McDonnell, who is a former Comptroller and Auditor General, will

take up this post with immediate effect. He will have access to external  
independent audit expertise in carrying out the investigation, which is to

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be completed by mid-June.

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### Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, p.l.c.  
(Registrant)

Date 14 May, 2004

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Group Director, Finance,  
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