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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 5th of October, 2005

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.

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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

5 October 2005

Directorate

Sir Derek Higgs to leave Board of Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c.

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") (NYSE:AIB) has today announced the
resignation of Sir Derek Higgs as a Non-Executive Director, arising from his
forthcoming appointment as Chairman of Alliance & Leicester, p.l.c. the UK
financial services group. His resignation has immediate effect.

Sir Derek joined the Board of AIB in November 2000, and has served also on the
Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee.

Commenting on Sir Derek's resignation, AIB Chairman Mr. Dermot Gleeson said:

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"We congratulate Derek on this significant appointment. We thank him for his excellent services to AIB over the past five years, and we wish him well for the future.

AIB has been fortunate to have had the services of a Director of Derek's calibre. He brought to our Board his wide banking and business experience, as well as a deep insight into the UK financial services market, where AIB now has a significant business."

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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 authorized.

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

Date 5 October, 2005

By: _____
Gary Kennedy
Group Director, Finance,
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Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c.