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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 11 January, 2006

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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Yes No ..X...

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For immediate release - Wednesday, 11 January 2006

Board Appointment at AIB

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. is pleased to announce that Mr. John O'Donnell, whose appointment as Group Finance Director Designate was announced on 22 July 2005, has today been appointed to the Board as Group Finance Director.

Mr. O'Donnell (51) joined AIB in 1989 from ICC Bank to take up the post of Director, AIB International Financial Services. In 1995 he was appointed Managing Director, AIB Corporate Finance and from 2001 to his appointment to his current role in July 2005 he was Head of Investment Banking, AIB Capital Markets.

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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 11 January, 2006

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