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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 28 February, 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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ALLIED IRISH BANKS, p.l.c. - Euro denominated Covered Bond

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") (NYSE:AIB) has mandated AIB Global Treasury, Barclays Capital, Deutsche Bank and Morgan Stanley to lead manage its upcoming inaugural benchmark Euro denominated ACS (covered bond) transaction. The transaction will have expected ratings of Aaa/AAA/AAA and will be launched following a European roadshow, subject to market conditions. Co-managers are Citigroup, DZ Bank, HVB, LBBW and UBS. FSA/ICMA stabilisation.

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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 28 February, 2006

By:

Gary Kennedy
Group Director, Finance,
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