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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 07 September, 2006

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, public limited company

Bankcentre, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Republic of Ireland

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For Immediate Release

7th September 2006

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AT AIB

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") (NYSE: AIB) is pleased to announce the
appointment to its Board, with immediate effect, of two new Non-Executive
Directors, as follows:

Mr. Sean O'Driscoll,

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Mr. O'Driscoll, aged 49, is Group Chief Executive of Glen Dimplex Group. He is a member of UCC's Foundation Board and was appointed by the Irish Government as a member of the Enterprise Advisory Group established to advise on the implementation of enterprise strategy for Ireland, and the high-level Group overseeing implementation of Ireland's Asia Strategy. In April 2006 he was awarded an Honorary OBE for his contribution to British Industry.

Mr. O'Driscoll is a graduate of University College Cork and is a chartered accountant. He is a former partner in KPMG. He joined Glen Dimplex in 1990 as Group Finance Director; he became its Deputy Chief Executive in 1995 and Group Chief Executive in 1998.

Mr. Bernard Somers,

Mr. Somers, aged 57, is a non-executive director of DCC plc, Independent News & Media plc, Irish Continental Group plc, South Wharf plc, and is Chairman of eTel Group, a Central European telecommunications company. He is a former director of the Central Bank of Ireland.

Mr. Somers is a graduate of University College Dublin and is a chartered accountant. He is the founder of Somers & Associates, which has built a substantial practice in corporate restructuring.

Commenting on these appointments, Mr. Dermot Gleeson, Chairman, said:

"We are delighted to welcome to the Board business leaders of the calibre of Sean O'Driscoll and Bernard Somers. I'm sure that their wide and varied experience of business in Ireland and internationally will further strengthen our Board as we build on our successes and pursue sustained growth and development in the years ahead."

The Board also today extended the term of appointment of its Chairman, Dermot Gleeson, to 30 April 2011. Mr. Gleeson joined the Board on 16 May 2000 and assumed the Chairmanship on 14 October 2003. (During its consideration of this matter in the absence of Mr. Gleeson, the Board was chaired by Mr. John B. McGuckian, the Senior Independent Director.)

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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 07 September, 2006

By: _____
John O'Donnell
Group Director, Finance,
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Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c.