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Form 6-K  
December 19, 2006

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 19 December, 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.

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

19th December 2006

AIB completes sale of its stake in AIB/BNY

Following on from the communication issued on 31st August, 2006, Allied Irish  
Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") (NYSE: AIB) announces that it has now completed the sale  
of its 50% stake in AIB/BNY Securities Services (Ireland) Ltd to The Bank of New  
York Company, Inc (BNY), having secured the required regulatory approvals.

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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 19 December, 2006

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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