

ALLIED IRISH BANKS PLC
Form 6-K
October 24, 2008

**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 24 October 2008

**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 24 October 2008

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. - Government of Ireland Credit Institutions (Financial Support) Scheme 2008

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") [NYSE: AIB] announces that AIB and its subsidiaries, AIB Group (UK) p.l.c., AIB Mortgage Bank, AIB Bank (CI) Limited and Allied Irish Banks North America Inc., have today executed Guarantee Acceptance Deeds with a view to being specified by the Minister for Finance as covered institutions under the above

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Scheme and the Credit Institutions (Financial Support) Act 2008.

Details of the guarantee scheme are available on

<http://www.finance.gov.ie/viewdoc.asp?fn=/documents/Publications/other/marketnoticeoct08.pdf>

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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 24 October 2008

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