

ALLIED IRISH BANKS PLC
Form 6-K
December 11, 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 11 December, 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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Yes No ..X...

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[NYSE: AIB]

announce
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the
following
Non-Executive
Director
changes:

The term of
Mr. Mike Sullivan
, Senior Independent Director,
has been extended
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rom
31 December 2008
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he will retire from the Board at the Annual General Meeting on 29 April 2009.

Mr. David Pritchard has been appointed Senior Independent Director
, to take effect on Mr. Sullivan's retirement from the Board
on 29 April 2009
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Mr. Bernard Somers has
indicated
that he intends to resign from the Board on 31 December 2008, in order to avoid conflicts of interest arising
between his
fiduciary
duty as a Director and his work as Principal of Somers & Associates, corporate restructuring consultants.
The Board has accepted his resignation with regret.

Mr. Dermot Gleeson, Chairman of the Board, in thanking Mr. Somers for his contribution to AIB, said
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"Bernard Somers has made a major contribution to AIB over the past three years. We are sorry to lose his
expertise, but we fully understand that, because of the current economic climate, the demands on his own
corporate restructuring consultancy business are high
. We also understand that

his continuation on the Board would

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him from developing that business, having regard to the potential for conflicts of interest to arise. We

thank him for his contribution

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and we

wish him well

for the future

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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 December, 2008

By: _____

John O'Donnell

Group Director, Finance,

Risk and Enterprise Technology

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c.