

ALLIED IRISH BANKS PLC  
Form 6-K  
April 30, 2009

**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 30 April, 2009

**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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**30 April 2009**

**AIB BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") [NYSE: AIB] makes the following announcements in relation to its Board.

AIB Group Chairman, Mr Dermot Gleeson, has announced that he is to stand down from the post in July this year. He has been Chairman for six years.

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Mr Dan O'Connor, who joined the AIB Board in 2007, will succeed Mr Gleeson as Chairman and Mr David Pritchard, who joined the Board in 2007, has been appointed to the new post of Deputy Chairman. Mr Pritchard will take up his new role on 14 May.

Mr Eugene Sheehy, AIB Group Chief Executive, has also informed the Board of his intention to retire. A process will be put in place immediately to identify and appoint his successor in the coming months. Mr Sheehy will continue as Chief Executive until his successor is appointed.

Mr John O'Donnell, AIB Group Finance Director, has announced that he is to retire from the company in August this year.

The process to identify and appoint successors for both Mr Sheehy and Mr O'Donnell will consider both external and internal candidates for the positions.

As previously advised to shareholders, the above mentioned Directors will all seek re-election to the Board at the forthcoming AGM on 13 May.

AIB has consulted with the Minister for Finance and the Minister has conveyed his good wishes to the new Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

**-ENDS-**

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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 30 April, 2009

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