

ALLIED IRISH BANKS PLC  
Form 6-K  
August 14, 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 14 August 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.

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-

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**Statement  
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Comment**

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c.  
("AIB") [NYSE: AIB]  
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the recent press  
comment  
regarding  
interest from a third party taking a minority stake in the  
Group and confirms that it has received such interest

However any discussions with regard to this matter are preliminary and are not expected to progress in the near term, at least until there is greater clarity on NAMA among other issues. There can be no certainty that these discussions will lead to a proposal to invest in the Group or a transaction being concluded.

**-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 14 August 2009

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