

ALLIED IRISH BANKS PLC
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**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 September 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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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...

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24th SEPTEMBER 2009

AIB announces €1bn 3 year Senior Unsecured Unguaranteed Bond Issue

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") [NYSE: AIB] today closed a €1 billion 3 year Senior Unsecured Unguaranteed Bond Issue. Significantly, this was the first Senior Unsecured Unguaranteed Bond Issue from any Irish bank since the Government Guarantee was introduced in September 2008.

The deal was priced at a spread over mid-swaps of 250 basis points with in excess of 230 international investors reflecting a well diversified geographic profile and was oversubscribed by 2.9 times.

Colm Doherty, Managing Director of AIB Capital Markets said:

“The positive reaction of the international markets by investing in unsecured and unguaranteed bonds of AIB reflects the clarity and certainty brought by NAMA.

“This deal represents a very significant step towards the normalisation of the international credit markets stance towards Irish banks and bodes well for future unguaranteed issuance from the Irish financial system.”

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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 September 2009

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