

ALLIED IRISH BANKS PLC
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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the date of 4 November, 2010

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, public limited company

Bankcentre, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Republic of Ireland

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4th November 2010

AIB completes disposal of the M&T shareholding

DUBLIN, Ireland (4 November 2010) - Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") [NYSE:AIB] has completed the disposal of 26,700,000 shares of common stock of M&T Bank Corporation ("M&T") currently held by it ("M&T Shares"). Following receipt of shareholder approval at AIB's Extraordinary General Meeting on 1 November 2010, the 26,700,000 contingent mandatorily exchangeable notes ("Notes") which AIB sold at US\$77.50 per Note have been mandatorily exchanged for the M&T Shares and the net proceeds of the Notes offering have been released to AIB.

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. acted as underwriters and joint bookrunning managers for the Notes offering.

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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 4 November, 2010

By: _____
Bernard Byrne
Chief Financial Officer
Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c.