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For the date of 01 August 2013

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, public limited company

Bankcentre, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Republic of Ireland

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AIB - Interim Results Announcement

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Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c ("AIB") announces Interim Results for the Half Year ended 30 June 2013.

### Key financial points

- Return to pre-provision operating profit: €162 million in H1 2013, €272m higher than the corresponding period in 2012. Operating loss before tax and exceptional items down 47% year on year to €572m
- Net Interest Margin (NIM) (excluding ELG) of 1.28% in H1 2013, up from 1.24% in H1 2012 and 1.20% in H2 2012. H1 2013 NIM of 1.42% excluding ELG and NAMA senior bonds
- Operating income of €916m, 19% higher than the same period in 2012
- Operating expenses, excluding exceptional items down 14% year on year with staff costs down 16%
- Provisions down 53% from H2 2012 and 24% year on year to €738m
- Completed year end 2013 non-core deleveraging <sup>(1)</sup> ahead of schedule and below base case capital assumptions
- Overall customer accounts remain stable with the Group's loan to deposit ratio reduced to 106% from 115% at December 2012
- ECB funding reduced by a further c.€4bn (20%) year to date
- Core Tier 1 Capital ratio of 15.1% at end June 2013, unchanged from December 2012
- Full time employees at 30th June 2013 down c.2,300 from June 2012
- AIB has exceeded the Q2 2013 mortgage arrears offer target. AIB remains focused on meeting and where possible exceeding the Central Bank of Ireland targets for both mortgage and SME customers
- At 30th June 2013 the number of AIB Irish residential private dwelling houses (PDH) (accounts greater than 90 days) in arrears was 10.0%. This compares to the overall industry figure in March 2013 of 12.3% <sup>(2)</sup>

(1) 99.4% complete as at 30th June 2013

(2) Based on Central Bank data as of March 2013

### Irish lending support H1 2013

- AIB approved over €3 billion in lending in the Irish market in the first half of 2013
- SME lending approvals increased to c.16,300 customers in June year to date, with approvals for new loan facilities to SMEs up c.11% year on year
- Approved €2.2bn billion in SME and corporate lending in the year to June 2013
- Corporate lending supporting indigenous companies and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)
- Largest pipeline of SME and corporate lending in several years
- Estimated 46% market share of approvals in the Irish mortgage market June year to date

AIB's Chief Executive, David Duffy, described the interim results as encouraging adding that he expects the positive performance to continue.

"We are mid-way through a three year plan to return to sustainable profitability. While we have met our key strategic objectives to date, we acknowledge the continuing challenges that lie ahead.

"The bank's results for the first half of 2013 demonstrate that our strategy for stabilisation and recovery is delivering results. We are seeing a steady improvement in our operating performance and a return to pre-provision operating profit. I expect that overall progress made in the first half of 2013 will continue through this year.

"Although the economic environment remains challenging we have observed early positive trends in the SME, corporate and mortgage sectors. AIB approved over €3 billion in lending in the Irish market in the first half of 2013 and we are well positioned to actively support growth in the economy," he said.

[Click here to view the full Half-Yearly Financial Report 2013](#)

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changes to tax legislation, regulatory requirements or accounting standards could impact capital ratios, the Group is subject to inherent credit risks in respect of customers, the Group faces heightened operational and reputational risks, the restructuring of the Group entails risk, the Group's risk management strategies and techniques may be unsuccessful, risk of litigation arising from the Group's activities. Any forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of the Group speak only as of the date they are made. AIB cautions that the foregoing list of important factors is not exhaustive. Investors and others should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other uncertainties and events when making an investment decision based on any forward-looking statement. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events referenced in this presentation may not occur. The Group does not undertake to release publicly any revision to these forward-looking statements to reflect events, circumstances or unanticipated events occurring after the date hereof.

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, p.l.c.

(Registrant)

Date: 01 August 2013

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