



Anglo Irish Bank Corporation plc

(incorporated in Ireland under the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2001, Registered Number 22045)

€4,000,000,000

Euro Medium Term Note Programme

On 15th August, 2001, Anglo Irish Bank Corporation plc (the "Issuer" or the "Bank") entered into a €1,500,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the "Programme"). With effect from 15th August, 2002, the size of the Programme was increased to €2,000,000,000 and with effect from the date hereof, the size of the Programme has been further increased to €4,000,000,000. This Offering Circular supersedes any previous Offering Circular. Any Notes (as defined below) issued under the Programme on or after the date of this Offering Circular are issued subject to the provisions herein. This Offering Circular does not affect any Notes already issued.

Under the Programme, the Issuer may from time to time issue notes (the "Notes") denominated in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (as defined below).

The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Notes from time to time outstanding under the Programme will not exceed €4,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described herein), subject to any increase as described herein.

The Notes may be issued on a continuing basis to one or more of the Dealers specified under "Summary of the Programme" and any additional Dealer appointed under the Programme from time to time by the Issuer (each a "Dealer" and together the "Dealers"), which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis. References in this Offering Circular to the "relevant Dealer" shall, in the case of an issue of Notes being (or intended to be) subscribed by more than one Dealer, be to all Dealers agreeing to subscribe such Notes.

Application has been made to the UK Financial Services Authority in its capacity as competent authority under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "UK Listing Authority") and to The Irish Stock Exchange Limited (the "Irish Stock Exchange") for Notes issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Offering Circular to be admitted to the official list of the UK Listing Authority (the "UKLA Official List") and the official list of the Irish Stock Exchange (the "Irish Official List"), respectively, and, in respect of Notes to be admitted to the UKLA Official List, application has also been made to the London Stock Exchange plc (the "London Stock Exchange") for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities. Admission to the UKLA Official List together with admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities constitute official listing on the London Stock Exchange. Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes, interest (if any) payable in respect of Notes, the issue price of Notes and any other terms and conditions not contained herein which are applicable to each Tranche (as defined under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes") of Notes will be set out in a pricing supplement (the "Pricing Supplement") which, with respect to Notes to be admitted to the UKLA Official List and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities, will be delivered to the UK Listing Authority and the London Stock Exchange and which, with respect to Notes to be admitted to the Irish Official List, will be delivered to the Irish Stock Exchange, in each case on or before the date of issue of the Notes of such Tranche.

The Programme provides that Notes may be listed on such other or further stock exchange(s) as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer. The Issuer may also issue unlisted Notes.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, Notes to be issued under the Programme will be rated P2 (in respect of Senior Notes with a maturity of less than one year), A3 (in respect of other Senior Notes), Baa1 (in respect of Dated Subordinated Notes) and Baa1 (in respect of Undated Subordinated Notes) by Moody's Investors Service Limited ("Moody's") and F1 (in respect of Senior Notes with a maturity of less than one year), A (in respect of other Senior Notes), A- (in respect of Dated Subordinated Notes) and A- (in respect of Undated Subordinated Notes) by Fitch Ratings Ltd ("Fitch"). Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Where an issue of Notes is rated, its rating will not necessarily be the same as the rating applicable to Notes issued under the Programme. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

The Issuer may agree with any Dealer and the Trustee (as defined herein) that Notes may be issued in a form not contemplated by the Terms and Conditions of the Notes herein, in which event (in the case of Notes admitted to either or both of the UKLA Official List and the Irish Official List only) supplementary listing particulars or further listing particulars, if appropriate, will be made available which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such Notes.

Arranger

Deutsche Bank

Dealers

ABN AMRO

Barclays Capital

Commerzbank Securities

Deutsche Bank

National Australia Bank Limited

Tokyo-Mitsubishi International plc

Banc of America Securities Limited

BNP PARIBAS

Davy Stockbrokers

Merrill Lynch International

The Royal Bank of Scotland

WestLB AG

2nd July, 2003

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Offering Circular. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Offering Circular is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

Any reference in this Offering Circular to Listing Particulars means this Offering Circular excluding all information incorporated by reference. The Issuer has confirmed that any information incorporated by reference, including any such information to which readers of this document are expressly referred, has not been and does not need to be included in the Listing Particulars to satisfy the requirements of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended (the "FSMA") or the respective listing rules of the UK Listing Authority and the Irish Stock Exchange. The Issuer believes that none of the information incorporated in the Offering Circular by reference conflicts in any material respect with the information included in the Listing Particulars.

Copies of this Offering Circular, which comprises the listing particulars approved by (i) the UK Listing Authority as required by the FSMA in the case of Notes admitted to the UKLA Official List and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities and (ii) by the Irish Stock Exchange as required by the European Communities (Stock Exchange) Regulations 1984 (as amended) of Ireland, in the case of Notes admitted to the Irish Official List (in each case, the "Listing Particulars"), and, in each case issued during the period of 12 months from the date of this Offering Circular, have been delivered for registration to the Registrar of Companies in England and Wales as required by section 83 of the FSMA and to the Registrar of Companies in Ireland for registration in accordance with the European Communities (Stock Exchange) Regulations 1984 (as amended) of Ireland. Copies of each Pricing Supplement (in the case of Notes to be admitted to either or both of the UKLA Official List and the Irish Official List) will be available from FT Business Research Centre, operated by FT Interactive Data at Fitzroy House, 13-17 Epworth Street, London EC2A 4DL and from the specified office set out below of each of the Paying Agents (as defined below).

This Offering Circular is to be read in conjunction with all documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference (see "Documents Incorporated by Reference") (provided, however, that such incorporated documents do not form part of the Listing Particulars). This Offering Circular shall, save as specified herein, be read and construed on the basis that such documents are so incorporated and form part of this Offering Circular but not part of the Listing Particulars.

Neither the Dealers nor the Trustee have independently verified the information contained herein. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by the Dealers or the Trustee as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or incorporated in this Offering Circular or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme. No Dealer or the Trustee accepts any liability in relation to the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme.

No person is or has been authorised by the Issuer, the Dealers or the Trustee to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Offering Circular or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the Trustee or any of the Dealers.

Neither this Offering Circular nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Notes (i) is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation or (ii) should be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer, the Trustee or any of the Dealers that any recipient of this Offering Circular or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Notes should purchase any Notes. Each investor contemplating purchasing any Notes should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer. Neither this Offering Circular nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the issue of any Notes constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Trustee or any of the Dealers to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any Notes.

Neither the delivery of this Offering Circular nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Notes shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein concerning the Issuer or the Issuer and its subsidiaries (the "Group") is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Dealers and the Trustee expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer or the Group during the life of the Programme or to advise any investor in the Notes of any information coming to their attention. Investors should review, inter alia, the most recently published documents incorporated by reference into this Offering Circular when deciding whether or not to purchase any Notes.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the “Securities Act”) and are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to U.S. persons (see “Subscription and Sale”).

This Offering Circular does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any Notes in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make the offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The distribution of this Offering Circular and the offer or sale of Notes may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. The Issuer, the Trustee and the Dealers do not represent that this Offering Circular may be lawfully distributed, or that any Notes may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any such jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assume any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offering. In particular, no action has been taken by the Issuer, the Trustee or the Dealers (save for the approval of this document as listing particulars by the UK Listing Authority and the Irish Stock Exchange and delivery of copies of this document to the Registrar of Companies in England and Wales and to the Registrar of Companies in Ireland) which would permit a public offering of any Notes or distribution of this document in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, no Notes may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Offering Circular nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. Persons into whose possession this Offering Circular or any Notes may come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions on the distribution of this Offering Circular and the offering and sale of Notes. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Offering Circular and the offer or sale of Notes in the United States, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland (“Ireland”), Japan, France, The Netherlands and Germany — see “Subscription and Sale”.

All references in this Offering Circular to “U.S. dollars”, “U.S.\$” and “\$” refer to United States dollars, to “Sterling” and “£” refer to pounds sterling and to “euro” and “€” refer to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended.

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In connection with the issue and distribution of any Tranche of Notes, the Dealer (if any) disclosed as the stabilising manager in the applicable Pricing Supplement or any person acting for him may over-allot or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes of the Series (as defined below) of which such Tranche forms part at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail for a limited period. However, there may be no obligation on the stabilising manager or any agent of his to do this. Such stabilising, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time and must be brought to an end after a limited period.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents published or issued from time to time after the date hereof shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Offering Circular (provided, however, that such incorporated documents do not form part of the Listing Particulars):

- (a) the most recently published audited consolidated and non-consolidated annual financial statements and, if published later, the most recently published interim consolidated and non-consolidated financial statements (if any) of the Issuer — see “General Information” for a description of the financial statements currently published by the Issuer; and
- (b) all supplements or amendments to this Offering Circular circulated by the Issuer from time to time,

save that any statement contained herein or in a document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Offering Circular (but not the Listing Particulars) to the extent that a statement contained in any such subsequent document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise). Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Offering Circular.

The Issuer will provide, without charge, to each person to whom a copy of this Offering Circular has been delivered, upon the request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents deemed to be incorporated herein by reference unless such documents have been modified or superseded as specified above. Requests for such documents should be directed to the Issuer at its office set out at the end of this Offering Circular. In addition, such documents will be available from the principal office in England of Deutsche Bank AG London (the “Authorised Adviser”) for Notes admitted to the UKLA Official List and from the principal office in Ireland of Davy Stockbrokers (the “Irish Listing Agent”) for Notes listed on the Irish Official List.

The Issuer has undertaken to the Dealers in the Programme Agreement (as defined in “Subscription and Sale”) to comply with sections 81 and 83 of the FSMA and the European Communities (Stock Exchange) Regulations 1984 (as amended) of Ireland.

If the terms of the Programme are modified or amended in a manner which would make this Offering Circular, as modified or amended, inaccurate or misleading, a new offering circular will be prepared.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

Under the Programme, the Issuer may from time to time issue Notes denominated in any currency, subject as set out herein. A summary of the terms and conditions of the Programme and the Notes appears below. The applicable terms of any Notes will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer prior to the issue of the Notes and will be set out in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes endorsed on, attached to, or incorporated by reference into, the Notes, as modified and supplemented by the applicable Pricing Supplement attached to, or endorsed on, such Notes, as more fully described under “Form of the Notes”.

This Offering Circular and any supplement will only be valid for listing Notes on the UKLA Official List and/or the Irish Official List during the period of 12 months from the date of this Offering Circular in an aggregate nominal amount which, when added to the aggregate nominal amount then outstanding of all Notes previously or simultaneously issued under the Programme, does not exceed €4,000,000,000 or its equivalent in other currencies (subject to any increase as described herein in accordance with the Programme Agreement). For the purpose of calculating the euro equivalent of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes issued under the Programme from time to time:

- (a) the euro equivalent of Notes denominated in another Specified Currency (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement in relation to the relevant Notes, described under “Form of the Notes”) shall be determined, at the discretion of the Issuer, either as of the date on which agreement is reached for the issue of Notes or on the preceding day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in London, in each case on the basis of the spot rate for the sale of the euro against the purchase of such Specified Currency in the London foreign exchange market quoted by any leading international bank selected by the Issuer on the relevant day of calculation;
- (b) the euro equivalent of Dual Currency Notes, Index Linked Notes and Partly Paid Notes (each as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement in relation to the relevant Notes, described under “Form of the Notes”) shall be calculated in the manner specified above by reference to the original nominal amount on issue of such Notes (in the case of Partly Paid Notes regardless of the subscription price paid); and
- (c) the euro equivalent of Zero Coupon Notes (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement in relation to the relevant Notes, described under “Form of the Notes”) and other Notes issued at a discount or a premium shall be calculated in the manner specified above by reference to the net proceeds received by the Issuer for the relevant issue.

SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMME

The following summary does not purport to be complete and is taken from, and is qualified in its entirety by, the remainder of this Offering Circular and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Tranche of Notes, the applicable Pricing Supplement. Words and expressions defined in "Form of the Notes" and "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" shall have the same meanings in this summary.

Issuer:	Anglo Irish Bank Corporation plc
Description:	Euro Medium Term Note Programme
Arranger:	Deutsche Bank AG London
Dealers:	ABN AMRO Bank N.V. Banc of America Securities Limited Barclays Bank PLC BNP PARIBAS Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft J&E Davy trading as Davy Stockbrokers Deutsche Bank AG London Merrill Lynch International National Australia Bank Limited ABN 12 004 044 937 The Royal Bank of Scotland plc Tokyo-Mitsubishi International plc WestLB AG and any other Dealers appointed in accordance with the Programme Agreement.
Certain Restrictions:	<p>Each issue of Notes denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time (see "Subscription and Sale") including the following restrictions applicable at the date of this Offering Circular.</p> <p>Swiss Francs</p> <p>Issues of Notes denominated in Swiss francs or carrying a Swiss franc-related element with a maturity of more than one year (other than Notes privately placed with a single investor with no publicity) will be effected in compliance with the relevant regulations of the Swiss National Bank based on article 7 of the Federal Law on Banks and Savings Banks of 8th November, 1934 (as amended) and article 15 of the Federal Law on Stock Exchanges and Securities Trading of 24th March, 1995 in connection with article 2, paragraph 2 of the Ordinance of the Federal Banking Commission on Stock Exchanges and Securities Trading of 2nd December, 1996. Under the said regulations, the relevant Dealer or, in the case of a syndicated issue, the lead manager (the "Swiss Dealer"), must be a bank domiciled in Switzerland (which includes branches or subsidiaries of a foreign bank located in Switzerland) or a securities dealer duly licensed by the Swiss Federal Banking Commission pursuant to the Federal Law on Stock Exchanges and Securities Trading of 24th March, 1995. The Swiss Dealer must report certain details of the relevant transaction to the Swiss National Bank no later than the Issue Date of the relevant Notes.</p>
Issuing and Principal Paying Agent:	Deutsche Bank AG London
Trustee:	Deutsche Trustee Company Limited
Programme Size:	Up to €4,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described under "General Description of the Programme") outstanding at any time. The Issuer may increase the amount of the Programme in accordance with the terms of the Programme Agreement.

Distribution:	Notes may be distributed by way of private or public placement and in each case on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.
Currencies:	Subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.
Redenomination:	The applicable Pricing Supplement may provide that certain Notes may be redenominated in euro. If so, the redenomination provisions will be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement.
Maturities:	Such maturities as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer and as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement, subject to such minimum or maximum maturities as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the Issuer or the relevant Specified Currency, except for Undated Subordinated Notes which will not have a stated maturity. At the date of this Offering Circular, Subordinated Notes may be dated or undated and, in the case of Dated Subordinated Notes, the minimum maturity will be such as will enable such Notes to qualify as capital for supervisory purposes from time to time
Issue Price:	Notes may be issued on a fully-paid or a partly-paid basis and at an issue price which is at par or at a discount to, or premium over, par.
Form of Notes:	The Notes will be issued in bearer form as described in "Form of the Notes" and will be Senior Notes, Dated Subordinated Notes or Undated Subordinated Notes.
Fixed Rate Notes:	Fixed interest will be payable on such date or dates as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer and on redemption, and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.
Floating Rate Notes:	<p>Floating Rate Notes will bear interest at a rate determined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement incorporating the 2000 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series); or (ii) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on the agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service; or (iii) on such other basis as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer. <p>The margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer for each Series of Floating Rate Notes.</p>
Index Linked Notes:	Payments of principal in respect of Index Linked Redemption Notes or of interest in respect of Index Linked Interest Notes will be calculated by reference to such index and/or formula or to changes in the prices of securities or commodities or to such other factors as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree.
Other provisions in relation to Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes:	<p>Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes may also have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate or both.</p> <p>Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes in respect of each Interest Period, as agreed prior to issue by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, will be payable on such Interest Payment Dates, and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction, as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.</p>
Dual Currency Notes:	Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Dual Currency Notes will be made in such currencies, and based on such rates of exchange, as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree.

Zero Coupon Notes:	Zero Coupon Notes will be offered and sold at a discount to their nominal amount and will not bear interest.
Redemption:	<p>The applicable Pricing Supplement will indicate either that (except for Undated Subordinated Notes which will not have a stated maturity) the relevant Notes cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than in specified instalments, if applicable, or for taxation reasons (subject, in the case of Subordinated Notes only, to having obtained prior Relevant Supervisory Consent (as defined in Condition 5)) or following an Event of Default) or that such Notes will be redeemable at the option of the Issuer (subject, in the case of Subordinated Notes only, to having obtained prior Relevant Supervisory Consent) and/or (save in respect of Subordinated Notes) the Noteholders upon giving notice to the Noteholders or the Issuer, as the case may be, on a date or dates specified prior to such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such other terms as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.</p> <p>The applicable Pricing Supplement may provide that Notes may be redeemable in two or more instalments of such amounts and on such dates as are indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement.</p>
Denomination of Notes:	Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be such as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency.
Taxation:	All payments in respect of the Notes will be made without deduction for or on account of withholding taxes imposed by Ireland or any political sub-division thereof or by any authority therein or thereof having power to tax unless such withholding is required by law, subject as provided in Condition 6. In the event that any such deduction is made, the Issuer will, save in certain limited circumstances provided in Condition 6, be required to pay additional amounts to cover the amounts so deducted.
Negative Pledge:	The Notes will not contain a negative pledge provision.
Cross Default:	The terms of the Senior Notes will contain a cross default provision as further described in Condition 8.
Status of the Senior Notes:	The Senior Notes and any relative Receipts and Coupons will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and will rank <i>pari passu</i> , without any preference among themselves, and (subject as aforesaid and save for certain obligations preferred by law) equally with all other outstanding, unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Issuer, from time to time outstanding.
Status of the Dated Subordinated Notes:	The Dated Subordinated Notes and any relative Receipts and Coupons will constitute direct, unsecured obligations of the Issuer, subordinated as hereinafter referred to, and will rank <i>pari passu</i> without any preference among themselves. The claims of the holders of the Dated Subordinated Notes and any relative Receipts and Coupons will, in the event of the winding-up of the Issuer, be subordinated in right of payment in the manner provided in the Trust Deed to the claims of depositors and all other unsubordinated creditors of the Issuer and will rank, in the event of the winding-up of the Issuer, at least <i>pari passu</i> in right of payment with all other Subordinated Indebtedness, present and future, of the Issuer.
Status of the Undated Subordinated Notes:	The Undated Subordinated Notes and any relative Coupons will constitute direct, unsecured obligations of the Issuer, subordinated as hereinafter referred to, and will rank <i>pari passu</i> without any preference among themselves. The claims of the holders of the Undated Subordinated Notes and any relative Coupons will be subordinated in right of payment to the claims of Senior Creditors of the Issuer in that payments of principal and interest in respect of the Undated Subordinated Notes will be conditional

upon the Issuer being solvent at the time of payment by the Issuer and in that no principal or interest shall be payable in respect of the Undated Subordinated Notes or the relative Coupons (if any) except to the extent that the Issuer could make such payment and still be solvent immediately thereafter.

Rating:

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, Notes to be issued under the Programme will be rated P2 (in respect of Senior Notes with a maturity of less than one year), A3 (in respect of other Senior Notes), Baa1 (in respect of Dated Subordinated Notes) and Baa1 (in respect of Undated Subordinated Notes) by Moody's and F1 (in respect of Senior Notes with a maturity of less than one year), A (in respect of other Senior Notes), A- (in respect of Dated Subordinated Notes) and A- (in respect of Undated Subordinated Notes) by Fitch.

Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Where an issue of Notes is rated, its rating will not necessarily be the same as the rating applicable to Notes issued under the Programme. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

Listing:

Application has been made to admit Notes issued under the Programme to the UKLA Official List and to admit them to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities and to admit them to the Irish Official List. The Notes may also be listed on such other or further stock exchange(s) as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer in relation to each Series.

Unlisted Notes may also be issued.

The applicable Pricing Supplement will state whether or not the relevant Notes are to be listed and, if so, on which stock exchange(s).

Governing Law:

The Notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law, except that, in relation to Subordinated Notes, Conditions 2(b), 2(c) and 2(d) will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, Irish law.

The Trust Deed will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law except that, in relation to Subordinated Notes, clauses 6(B) and 6(C), will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, Irish law.

Selling Restrictions:

There are selling restrictions on the offer and sale of the Notes in the United States, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Japan, France, The Netherlands and Germany and such other restrictions as may be required in connection with the offering and sale of a particular Tranche of Notes — see "Subscription and Sale".

FORM OF THE NOTES

Each Tranche of Notes will be in bearer form and will be initially represented by a temporary global note (a "Temporary Global Note") which will be delivered on or prior to the issue date of the Tranche to a common depositary (the "Common Depositary") for Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. as operator of the Euroclear System ("Euroclear") and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg"). Whilst any Note is represented by a Temporary Global Note, payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amount payable in respect of the Notes due prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below) will be made against presentation of the Temporary Global Note only to the extent that certification (in a form to be provided) to the effect that the beneficial owners of interests in such Note are not U.S. persons or persons who have purchased for resale to any U.S. person, as required by U.S. Treasury regulations, has been received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, has given a like certification (based on the certifications it has received) to the Agent.

On and after the date (the "Exchange Date") which is 40 days after the Temporary Global Note is issued, interests in the Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge) upon a request as described therein either for (i) interests in a Permanent Global Note (a "Permanent Global Note") of the same Series or (ii) definitive Notes of the same Series with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons and talons attached (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement and subject, in the case of definitive Notes, to such notice period as is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement), in each case against certification of beneficial ownership as described above unless such certification has already been given. The holder of a Temporary Global Note will not be entitled to collect any payment of interest, principal or other amount due on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due certification, exchange of the Temporary Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Global Note or for definitive Notes is improperly withheld or refused.

Payments of principal, interest (if any) or any other amounts on a Permanent Global Note will be made through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of the Permanent Global Note without any requirement for certification.

The applicable Pricing Supplement will specify that a Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for definitive Notes with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons and talons attached upon either (i) not less than 60 days' written notice from Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Global Note) to the Agent as described therein or (ii) only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, "Exchange Event" means that (i) an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 8) has occurred and is continuing, (ii) the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and no successor clearing system satisfactory to the Trustee is available or (iii) the Issuer has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note in definitive form and a certificate to such effect signed by two directors of the Issuer has been given to the Trustee. The Issuer will promptly give notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Global Note) or the Trustee may give notice to the Agent requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (iii) above, the Issuer may also give notice to the Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 45 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Agent.

The following legend will appear on all Notes which have an original maturity of more than 365 days and on all receipts and interest coupons relating to such Notes:

"ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE."

The sections referred to provide that United States holders, with certain exceptions, will not be entitled to deduct any loss on Notes, receipts or interest coupons and will not be entitled to capital gains treatment of any gain on any sale, disposition, redemption or payment of principal in respect of such Notes, receipts or interest coupons.

Notes which are represented by a Global Note will only be transferable in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

Pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined under “Terms and Conditions of the Notes”), the Agent shall arrange that, where a further Tranche of Notes is issued which is intended to form a single Series with an existing Tranche of Notes, the Notes of such further Tranche shall be assigned a common code and ISIN which are different from the common code and ISIN assigned to Notes of any other Tranche of the same Series until at least the expiry of the distribution compliance period (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) applicable to the Notes of such Tranche.

Any reference herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement or as shall be approved by the Issuer, the Agent and the Trustee.

Form of Pricing Supplement

Set out below is the Form of Pricing Supplement which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme.

[Date]

ANGLO IRISH BANK CORPORATION plc

**Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]
under the €4,000,000,000
Euro Medium Term Note Programme**

This document constitutes the Pricing Supplement relating to the issue of Notes described herein. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Offering Circular dated []. This Pricing Supplement is supplemental to and must be read in conjunction with such Offering Circular.

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable" (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs or sub-paragraphs.]

1. Issuer: Anglo Irish Bank Corporation plc
2. (i) Series Number: []
(ii) Tranche Number: []
(If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Notes become fungible)
3. Specified Currency or Currencies: []
4. Aggregate Nominal Amount:
(i) Series: []
(ii) Tranche: []
5. (i) Issue Price: [] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (in the case of fungible issues only, if applicable)]
(ii) Net proceeds: [] *(Required only for listed issues)*
6. Specified Denominations:* []
[]
7. (i) Issue Date [and Interest Commencement Date]: []
(ii) Interest Commencement Date (if different from the Issue Date): []
8. Maturity Date: *[Fixed rate — specify date/
Floating rate — Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [specify month and year]]*
9. Interest Basis: [[] per cent. Fixed Rate]
[[LIBOR/EURIBOR] +/- [] per cent. Floating Rate]
[Zero Coupon]
[Index Linked Interest]
[Dual Currency Interest]
[specify other]
(further particulars specified below)

10. Redemption/Payment Basis: [Redemption at par]
[Index Linked Redemption]
[Dual Currency Redemption]
[Partly Paid]
[Instalment]
[specify other]
11. Change of Interest Basis or Redemption/
Payment Basis: [Specify details of any provision for change of Notes into
another Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis]
12. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]
[Issuer Call]
[(further particulars specified below)]
13. Status of the Notes: [Senior/[Dated/Undated] Subordinated]
14. Listing: [London/Ireland/specify other/None]*
15. Method of distribution: [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

16. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of
this paragraph)*
- (i) Rate(s) of Interest: [] per cent. per annum [payable [annually/semi-
annually/quarterly] in arrear]
*(If payable other than annually, consider amending
Condition 3)*
- (ii) Interest Payment Date(s): [[] in each year up to and including the Maturity
Date]/[specify other]
*(NB: This will need to be amended in the case of long or
short coupons)*
- (iii) Fixed Coupon Amount(s): [] per [] in nominal amount
- (iv) Broken Amount(s): *[Insert particulars of any initial or final broken interest
amounts which do not correspond with the Fixed Coupon
Amount]*
- (v) Day Count Fraction: [30/360 or Actual/Actual (ISMA) or specify other]
- (vi) Determination Date(s): [] in each year
*[Insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date
or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last
coupon
(NB: This will need to be amended in the case of regular
interest payment dates which are not of equal duration)
(NB: Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/
Actual (ISMA))]*
- (vii) Other terms relating to the
method of calculating interest
for Fixed Rate Notes: [None/Give details]
17. **Floating Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of
this paragraph)*
- (i) Specified Period(s)/Specified
Interest Payment Dates: []
- (ii) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day
Convention/Modified Following Business Day
Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/
specify other]

- (iii) Additional Business Centre(s): []
- (iv) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination/*specify other*]
- (v) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Agent): []
- (vi) Screen Rate Determination:
- Reference Rate: []
(Either LIBOR, EURIBOR or other, although additional information is required if other — including fallback provisions in the Agency Agreement)
- Interest Determination Date(s): []
(Second London business day prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than Sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR or euro LIBOR)
- Relevant Screen Page: []
(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Moneyline Telerate Page 248 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend the fallback provisions appropriately)
- (vii) ISDA Determination:
- Floating Rate Option: []
- Designated Maturity: []
- Reset Date: []
- (viii) Margin(s): [+/ -] [] per cent. per annum
- (ix) Minimum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (x) Maximum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (xi) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/365
Actual/365 (Fixed)
Actual/365 (Sterling)
Actual/360
30/360
30E/360
Other]
(See Condition 3 for alternatives)
- (xii) Fall back provisions, rounding provisions and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes, if different from those set out in the Conditions: []
- 18. Zero Coupon Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Accrual Yield: [] per cent. per annum
- (ii) Reference Price: []

- (iii) Any other formula/basis of determining amount payable: []
- (iv) Day Count Fraction in relation to Early Redemption Amounts and late payment: [Conditions 5(e)(iv) and 5(j) apply/specify other]
(Consider applicable day count fraction if not U.S. dollar denominated)
19. **Index Linked Interest Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Index/Formula: [give or annex details]
- (ii) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due: []
- (iii) Provisions for determining coupon where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula is impossible or impracticable: []
- (iv) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: []
- (v) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/specify other]
- (vi) Additional Business Centre(s): []
- (vii) Minimum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (viii) Maximum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (ix) Day Count Fraction: []
20. **Dual Currency Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Rate of Exchange/method of calculating Rate of Exchange: [give details]
- (ii) Calculation Agent, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest payable: []
- (iii) Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable: []
- (iv) Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable: []

PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

21. **Issuer Call:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): []
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): []

- (iii) If redeemable in part:
- (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: []
- (b) Higher Redemption Amount: []
- (iv) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions): []
22. Investor Put: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): []
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): []
- (iii) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions): []
23. Final Redemption Amount of each Note: [Nominal Amount/specify other/see Appendix]
24. Early Redemption Amount of each Note payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 5(e): []

GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

25. Form of Notes: Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]
[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on and after the Exchange Date]
26. Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Dates: [Not Applicable/give details]
(Note that this item relates to the place of payment and not Interest Period end dates to which items 17(iii) and 19(vi) relate)
27. Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature): [Yes/No. If yes, give details]
28. Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and consequences of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Notes and interest due on late payment: [Not Applicable/give details. NB: a new form of Temporary Global Note and/or Permanent Global Note may be required for Partly Paid issues]
29. Details relating to Instalment Notes:
- (i) Instalment Amount(s): [Not Applicable/give details]
- (ii) Instalment Date(s): [Not Applicable/give details]
30. Redenomination applicable: Redenomination [not] applicable
(If Redenomination is applicable, specify the terms of the redenomination in an Annex to the Pricing Supplement)
31. Other terms or special conditions: [Not Applicable/give details]

DISTRIBUTION

32. (i) If syndicated, names of Managers: [Not Applicable/give names]

(ii) Stabilising Manager (if any):	[Not Applicable/ <i>give name</i>]
33. If non-syndicated, name of relevant Dealer:	[]
34. Whether TEFRA D rules applicable or TEFRA rules not applicable:	[TEFRA D/TEFRA not applicable]
35. Additional selling restrictions:	[Not Applicable/ <i>give details</i>]
OPERATIONAL INFORMATION	
36. Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s):	[Not Applicable/ <i>give name(s) and number(s)</i>]
37. Delivery:	Delivery [against/free of] payment
38. Additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):	[]
ISIN:	[]
Common Code:	[]

[LISTING APPLICATION]

This Pricing Supplement comprises the details required to list the issue of Notes described herein pursuant to the listing of the €4,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Anglo Irish Bank Corporation plc.]

RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Pricing Supplement.

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

By:.....

Duly authorised

If the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies any modification to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes as described herein, it is envisaged that, to the extent that such modification relates only to Conditions 1, 3, 4, 5 (except Condition 5(b)), 10, 11, 12, 13 (insofar as such Notes are not listed or admitted to trade on any stock exchange) or 15, they will not necessitate the preparation of supplementary Listing Particulars. If the Terms and Conditions of the Notes of any Series are to be modified in any other respect, supplementary Listing Particulars will be prepared, if appropriate.

*Notes which are not listed on a stock exchange must not be sold to Irish residents or offered in Ireland, must be cleared through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (or any other clearing system recognised for this purpose by the Irish Revenue Commissioners), and must have a minimum denomination of £300,000 or its equivalent (See "Taxation" below).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The following are the Terms and Conditions of the Notes which will be incorporated by reference into each Global Note (as defined below) and each definitive Note, in the latter case only if permitted by the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority (if any) and agreed by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue but, if not so permitted and agreed, such definitive Note will have endorsed thereon or attached thereto such Terms and Conditions. The applicable Pricing Supplement in relation to any Tranche of Notes may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Notes. The applicable Pricing Supplement (or the relevant provisions thereof) will be endorsed upon, or attached to, each Global Note and definitive Note. Reference should be made to "Form of the Notes" above for a description of the content of Pricing Supplements which will specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant Notes.

This Note is one of a Series (as defined below) of Notes issued by Anglo Irish Bank Corporation plc (the "Issuer") constituted by a Trust Deed (such Trust Deed as amended and restated by a First Supplemental Trust Deed dated 15th August, 2002 between Deutsche Trustee Company Limited (formerly known as Bankers Trustee Company Limited) (the "Trustee", which expression shall include any successor trustee) and the Issuer and as modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "Trust Deed") dated 15th August, 2001 and made between the Issuer and the Trustee for the holders of such Notes.

References herein to the "Notes" shall be references to the Notes of this Series and shall mean:

- (i) in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note (a "Global Note"), units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;
- (ii) any Global Note; and
- (iii) any definitive Notes issued in exchange for a Global Note.

The Notes, the Receipts (as defined below) and the Coupons (as defined below) have the benefit of an amended and restated Agency Agreement (such Agency Agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "Agency Agreement") dated 15th August, 2002 and made between the Issuer, Deutsche Bank AG London as issuing and principal paying agent and agent bank (the "Agent", which expression shall include any successor agent), the other paying agent named therein (together with the Agent, unless the content otherwise requires, the "Paying Agents", which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents) and the Trustee.

Interest bearing definitive Notes have interest coupons ("Coupons") and, if indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement, talons for further Coupons ("Talons") attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons. Definitive Notes repayable in instalments have receipts ("Receipts") for the payment of the instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) attached on issue. Global Notes do not have Receipts, Coupons or Talons attached on issue.

The Pricing Supplement for this Note (or the relevant provisions thereof) is attached to or endorsed on this Note and supplements these Terms and Conditions and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Terms and Conditions, replace or modify these Terms and Conditions for the purposes of this Note. References to the "applicable Pricing Supplement" are to the Pricing Supplement (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached to or endorsed on this Note.

The Trustee acts for the benefit of the holders for the time being of the Notes (the "Noteholders", which expression shall, in relation to any Notes represented by a Global Note, be construed as provided below), the holders of the Receipts (the "Receiptholders") and the holders of the Coupons (the "Couponholders", which expression shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons), in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

Any reference to "Noteholders" or "holders" in relation to any Notes shall mean the holders of the Notes and shall, in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note, be construed as provided below. Any reference herein to "Receiptholders" shall mean the holders of the Receipts and any reference herein to "Couponholders" shall mean the holders of the Coupons and shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons.

As used herein, "Tranche" means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing) and "Series" means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes which are (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (ii) identical in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices.

Copies of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement are available for inspection during normal business hours at the principal London office for the time being of the Trustee (being at 15th August, 2002 at Winchester House, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB^{*}) and at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents. Copies of the applicable Pricing Supplement are obtainable during normal business hours at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents save that, if this Note is an unlisted Note of any Series, the applicable Pricing Supplement will only be obtainable by a Noteholder holding one or more unlisted Notes of that Series and such Noteholder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the relevant Paying Agent as to its holding of such Notes and identity. The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, are bound by, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement and the applicable Pricing Supplement which are applicable to them. The statements in these Terms and Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Trust Deed.

Words and expressions defined in the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Pricing Supplement shall have the same meanings where used in these Terms and Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of inconsistency between the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed will prevail and, in the event of inconsistency between the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement and the applicable Pricing Supplement, the applicable Pricing Supplement will prevail.

1. FORM, DENOMINATION AND TITLE

The Notes are in bearer form and, in the case of definitive Notes, serially numbered, in the Specified Currency and the Specified Denomination(s). Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Notes of another Specified Denomination.

This Note may be a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note, a Zero Coupon Note, an Index Linked Interest Note, a Dual Currency Interest Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

This Note may be an Index Linked Redemption Note, an Instalment Note, a Dual Currency Redemption Note, a Partly Paid Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending on the Redemption/Payment Basis shown in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

This Note may also be a Senior Note, a Dated Subordinated Note or an Undated Subordinated Note, as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Definitive Notes are issued with Coupons attached, unless they are Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to Coupons and Couponholders in these Terms and Conditions are not applicable.

Subject as set out below, title to the Notes, Receipts and Coupons will pass by delivery. The Issuer, the Trustee and the Paying Agents will (except as otherwise required by law) deem and treat the bearer of any Note, Receipt or Coupon as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes but, in the case of any Global Note, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the next succeeding paragraph.

For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. as operator of the Euroclear System ("Euroclear") and/or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg"), each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the nominal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Trustee and the Paying Agents as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on such nominal amount of such Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Global Note (or the Trustee in accordance with the Trust Deed) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Trustee and any Paying Agent as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Note and the expressions "Noteholder" and "holder of Notes" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly. Notes which are represented by a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

Note

** This is the case at 2nd July, 2003.*

References in these Terms and Conditions to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement or as otherwise approved by the Issuer, the Agent and the Trustee.

2. STATUS OF SENIOR NOTES, DATED SUBORDINATED NOTES AND UNDATED SUBORDINATED NOTES

(a) Status of Senior Notes

The Senior Notes and any relative Receipts and Coupons are direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu*, without any preference among themselves, and (subject as aforesaid and save for certain obligations preferred by law) equally with all other outstanding unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Issuer, from time to time outstanding.

(b) Status of Dated Subordinated Notes

Dated Subordinated Notes

- (A) The Dated Subordinated Notes and any relative Receipts and Coupons constitute direct, unsecured and, in accordance with sub-paragraph (B) below, subordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves.
- (B) The claims of the holders of Dated Subordinated Notes and any relative Receipts and Coupons will, in the event of the winding-up of the Issuer, be subordinated in right of payment in the manner provided in the Trust Deed to the claims of depositors and all other unsubordinated creditors of the Issuer and will rank, in the event of the winding-up of the Issuer, at least *pari passu* in right of payment with all other Subordinated Indebtedness, present and future, of the Issuer.

For the purpose of this sub-paragraph (B), "Subordinated Indebtedness" means all indebtedness of the Issuer which is subordinated, in the event of the winding-up of the Issuer, in right of payment to the claims of depositors and other unsubordinated creditors of the Issuer and for this purpose indebtedness shall include all liabilities, whether actual or contingent.

(c) Status of Undated Subordinated Notes

(1) Undated Subordinated Notes

- (A) The Undated Subordinated Notes and any relative Coupons constitute direct, unsecured and, in accordance with the paragraphs below, subordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves.
- (B) The claims of the holders of Undated Subordinated Notes and any relative Coupons are subordinated to the claims of Senior Creditors (as defined below) of the Issuer in that payments of principal and interest in respect of the Undated Subordinated Notes and any relative Coupons are conditional upon the Issuer being solvent (as defined below) at the time of payment by the Issuer and in that no principal or interest shall be payable in respect of Undated Subordinated Notes or any relative Coupons except to the extent that the Issuer could make such payment and still be solvent immediately thereafter. For this purpose, the Issuer shall be considered to be solvent if:
 - (i) it is able to pay its debts to Senior Creditors as they fall due; and
 - (ii) its Assets exceed its Liabilities (each as defined below) to Senior Creditors.

A report as to the solvency of the Issuer by (a) two directors of the Issuer or, in certain circumstances as provided in the Trust Deed, the Auditors (as defined in the Trust Deed) or (b) if the Issuer is being wound up, its liquidator or (c) if the Issuer is under examination as provided for by the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1990 of Ireland, its examiner shall, in each case in the absence of manifest error, be treated and accepted by the Issuer, the Trustee and the holders of Undated Subordinated Notes and any relative Coupons as correct and sufficient evidence thereof.

For the purpose of this sub-paragraph (B):

"Senior Creditors" means (1) all creditors of the Issuer who are depositors or other unsubordinated creditors of the Issuer or (2) creditors who are subordinated creditors of the Issuer (including the holders of Dated Subordinated Notes and any relative Coupons) other than those whose claims rank, or are expressed to rank, *pari passu* with or junior to the claims of the holders of Undated Subordinated Notes and the Coupons relating thereto (if any) (whether only in the event of a winding-up of the Issuer or otherwise);

“Assets” means the total consolidated gross assets of the Issuer; and

“Liabilities” means the total consolidated gross liabilities of the Issuer, all as shown by the latest published audited balance sheet of the Issuer but adjusted for contingencies and for subsequent events in such manner and to such extent as such directors, Auditors, liquidator or examiner, as the case may be, may determine to be appropriate.

- (C) Interest on Undated Subordinated Notes shall accrue from day to day and shall (subject to sub-paragraph (B) above) be payable on each Compulsory Interest Payment Date (as defined below) in respect of the interest accrued in the interest period ending on (but excluding) such Compulsory Interest Payment Date. On any Optional Interest Payment Date (as defined below) there may be paid (if the Issuer so elects and gives not less than 30 days’ notice of such election to the holders of Undated Subordinated Notes in accordance with Condition 13 but subject to sub-paragraph (B) above) the interest accrued in the interest period ending on (but excluding) such Optional Interest Payment Date (an “Accrual Period”) but the Issuer shall not have any obligation to make such payment and any failure to pay shall not constitute a default by the Issuer for any purpose; and any interest not so paid shall, so long as the same remains unpaid, constitute “Arrears of Interest”. The Issuer may at its option (after giving notice to the holders of Undated Subordinated Notes in accordance with Condition 13 but subject to sub-paragraph (B) above) at any time pay all or part of the Arrears of Interest (being, if part only, the whole of the interest accrued on all the Undated Subordinated Notes during any one or more Accrual Period(s)) but so that, in the case of any such partial payment, the interest accrued during any Accrual Period shall not be paid prior to that accrued during any earlier Accrual Period. All Arrears of Interest shall (subject to sub-paragraphs (B) and (D) of this Condition 2(c)), become due in full on whichever is the earliest of (i) the date on which any dividend or other distribution is next declared, paid or made on any class of stock or share capital of the Issuer (ii) the date set for any repayment permitted under paragraph (b) or (c) of Condition 5 and (iii) the commencement of winding-up of the Issuer. If notice is given by the Issuer of its intention to pay all or part of the Arrears of Interest, the Issuer shall be obliged (subject to sub-paragraph (B) above) to do so upon the expiry of such notice. Interest in respect of which the condition referred to in sub-paragraph (B) above is not satisfied on the Interest Date relating thereto shall, so long as the same remains unpaid, also constitute Arrears of Interest for the purposes of the remainder of these Terms and Conditions. Neither Arrears of Interest nor any interest due but unpaid shall bear interest.
- (D) If, otherwise than for the purposes of a Permitted Reorganisation (as defined in Condition 8) or for the purpose of a reconstruction or amalgamation on terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Noteholders, an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding-up in Ireland of the Issuer, the Issuer shall, in lieu of any other payment on the Undated Subordinated Notes and any relative Coupons representing principal, accrued interest, Arrears of Interest and/or interest due but unpaid, but subject to the condition set out in sub-paragraph (B) above, be obliged to pay, in respect of the Undated Subordinated Notes and such Coupons, such amounts as would have been payable if the holders of the Undated Subordinated Notes and such Coupons had, on the day preceding the commencement of such winding-up, become holders of preference stock or shares in the capital of the Issuer forming or being part of a class having a preferential right in the winding-up over the holders of all other classes of stock or shares in the capital of the Issuer and entitled to receive in such winding-up an amount equal to the Early Redemption Amount (as defined in Condition 5(e)) of the Undated Subordinated Notes together with interest (if any) accrued since the Interest Date next preceding or coinciding with the commencement of such winding-up, such Arrears of Interest and/or, as the case may be, such interest due but unpaid.

(2) Definitions

For the purposes of this paragraph (c):

“Compulsory Interest Payment Date” means any Interest Date in relation to which any dividend or other distribution (as defined in the Trust Deed) has been declared, paid or made on any class of the stock or share capital of the Issuer in the immediately preceding interest period;

“Interest Date” means an Interest Payment Date;

“Interest Period” means the period from (and including) one Interest Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Date; and

“Optional Interest Payment Date” means any Interest Date other than a Compulsory Interest Payment Date.

N.B. The obligations of the Issuer in respect of any Undated Subordinated Notes issued by it and any relative Coupons are conditional upon the Issuer being solvent immediately before and after payment by the Issuer. If this condition is not satisfied, any amounts which might otherwise have been allocated in or towards payments of principal and interest in respect of the Undated Subordinated Notes and any relative Coupons may be used to absorb losses.

(d) Set-off

Subject to applicable law, no holder of a Subordinated Note, or a Receipt or Coupon relating thereto (if any) may exercise or claim any right of set-off in respect of any amount owed by it to the Issuer arising under or in connection with the Subordinated Notes and the Receipts and Coupons relating thereto (if any) and each holder of a Subordinated Note or a Receipt or Coupon relating thereto (if any) shall, by virtue of its subscription, purchase or holding of any such Note, Receipt or Coupon, be deemed to have waived all such rights of set-off.

3. INTEREST

(a) Interest on Fixed Rate Notes

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount (or, if it is a Partly Paid Note, the amount paid up) from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will be payable in arrear (subject, in the case of Undated Subordinated Notes, to the provisions of Condition 2(c)) on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year and (except in the case of an Undated Subordinated Note) up to (and including) the Maturity Date.

Except as provided in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on (but excluding) such date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount. Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

As used in these Terms and Conditions, "Fixed Interest Period" means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

If interest is required to be calculated for a period other than a Fixed Interest Period, such interest shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to each Specified Denomination, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention.

In these Terms and Conditions:

"Determination Period" means each period from (and including) a Determination Date to (but excluding) the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date);

"sub-unit" means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, means one cent; and

"Day Count Fraction" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 3(a):

(i) if "Actual/Actual (ISMA)" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement:

(a) in the case of Notes where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the "Accrual Period") is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) that would occur in one calendar year; or

(b) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:

(1) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such

Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) that would occur in one calendar year; and

- (2) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
- (ii) if “30/360” is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months) divided by 360.

(b) Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes

(i) Interest Payment Dates

Each Floating Rate Note and Index Linked Interest Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount (or, if it is a Partly Paid Note, the amount paid up) from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrear (subject, in the case of Undated Subordinated Notes, to the provisions of Condition 2(c)) on either:

- (A) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) in each year specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; or
- (B) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, each date (each such date, together with each Specified Interest Payment Date, an “Interest Payment Date”) which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period in the applicable Pricing Supplement after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period (which expression shall, in these Terms and Conditions other than with respect to Condition 2(c), mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date).

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day on the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

- (1) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 3(b)(i)(B) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (i) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (B) below shall apply *mutatis mutandis* or (ii) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (A) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (B) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
- (2) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (3) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (4) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In these Terms and Conditions, “Business Day” means a day which is both:

- (A) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London and any Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; and
- (B) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than London and any Additional Business Centre

and which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Melbourne and Wellington, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET) System (the "TARGET System") is open.

(ii) Rate of Interest

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

(A) ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "ISDA Rate" for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2000 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes (the "ISDA Definitions") and under which:

- (1) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement;
- (2) the Designated Maturity is a period specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; and
- (3) the relevant Reset Date is either (i) if the applicable Floating Rate Option is based on the London inter-bank offered rate ("LIBOR") or on the Euro-zone inter-bank offered rate ("EURIBOR"), the first day of that Interest Period or (ii) in any other case, as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "Floating Rate", "Calculation Agent", "Floating Rate Option", "Designated Maturity" and "Reset Date" have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

(B) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

- (1) the offered quotation; or
- (2) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Agent. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for determining the Rate of Interest in the event that the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of (1) above, no such offered quotation appears or, in the case of (2) above, fewer than three such offered quotations appear, in each case as at the time specified in the preceding paragraph.

If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Notes will be determined as provided in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

(iii) Minimum Rate of Interest and/or Maximum Rate of Interest

If the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) above is less than such Minimum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Rate of Interest.

If the applicable Pricing Supplement specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) above is greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Rate of Interest.

(iv) Determination of Rate of Interest and calculation of Interest Amounts

The Agent, in the case of Floating Rate Notes, and the Calculation Agent, in the case of Index Linked Interest Notes, will at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period. In the case of Index Linked Interest Notes, the Calculation Agent will notify the Agent of the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

The Agent will calculate the amount of interest (the "Interest Amount") payable on the Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes in respect of each Specified Denomination for the relevant Interest Period. Each Interest Amount shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to each Specified Denomination, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention.

"Day Count Fraction" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 3(b):

- (i) if "Actual/365" or "Actual/Actual" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (ii) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (iii) if "Actual/365 (Sterling)" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (iv) if "Actual/360" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (v) if "30/360", "360/360" or "Bond Basis" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (a) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (b) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30-day month)); and
- (vi) if "30E/360" or "Eurobond Basis" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months, without regard to the date of the first day or last day of the Interest Period unless, in the case of the final Interest Period, the Maturity Date is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30-day month).

(v) Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts

The Agent will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer, the Trustee and any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to listing and notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 13 as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth London Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without prior notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will be promptly notified to each stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to listing and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13. For the purposes of this paragraph, the expression "London

Business Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business in London.

(vi) *Determination or Calculation by Trustee*

If for any reason at any relevant time the Agent or, as the case may be, the Calculation Agent defaults in its obligation to determine the Rate of Interest or to calculate any Interest Amount in accordance with subparagraph (ii) (A) or (B) above or as otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, as the case may be, and in each case in accordance with paragraph (iv) above, the Trustee shall determine the Rate of Interest at such rate as, in its absolute discretion (having such regard as it shall think fit to the foregoing provisions of this Condition, but subject always to any Minimum Rate of Interest or Maximum Rate of Interest specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement), it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances or, as the case may be, the Trustee shall calculate the Interest Amount(s) in such manner as it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances and each such determination or calculation shall be deemed to have been made by the Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable.

(vii) *Certificates to be final*

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 3(b), whether by the Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent or the Trustee, shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Agent, the Calculation Agent (if applicable), the other Paying Agents and all Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders and (in the absence as aforesaid) no liability to the Issuer, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent or the Trustee in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

(c) *Interest on Dual Currency Interest Notes*

The rate or amount of interest payable in respect of Dual Currency Interest Notes shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

(d) *Interest on Partly Paid Notes*

In the case of Partly Paid Notes (other than Partly Paid Notes which are Zero Coupon Notes), interest will accrue as aforesaid on the paid-up nominal amount of such Notes and otherwise as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

(e) *Accrual of interest*

Each Note (or in the case of the redemption of part only of a Note, that part only of such Note) will cease to bear interest (if any) from the date for its redemption unless, upon due presentation thereof, payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused or is not made by reason of Condition 2(b) or (c). In any such event, interest will continue to accrue as provided in the Trust Deed.

4. PAYMENTS

(a) *Method of payment*

Subject as provided below:

- (i) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro will be made by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency (which, in the case of a payment in Japanese yen to a non-resident of Japan, shall be a non-resident account) maintained by the payee with, or, at the option of the payee, by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Melbourne and Wellington, respectively); and
- (ii) payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque.

Notwithstanding any provision hereof (other than the final paragraph of Condition 4(d)), payments in respect of any Note will not be made at an office of a Paying Agent in the United States by transfer to an account maintained by the payee with a bank located in the United States or by cheque mailed to an address in the United States. For the purposes of this Condition and Condition 12, the “United States” means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction)).

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 6.

(b) Presentation of definitive Notes, Receipts and Coupons

Payments of principal in respect of definitive Notes will (subject as provided below and, in the case of Undated Subordinated Notes, to Condition 2(c)) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of definitive Notes, and payments of interest, including Arrears of Interest (if any), in respect of definitive Notes will (subject as provided below and, in the case of Undated Subordinated Notes, to Condition 2(c)) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States.

Payments of instalments of principal (if any) in respect of definitive Notes, other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Receipt in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Payment of the final instalment will be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Note in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the definitive Note to which it appertains. Receipts presented without the definitive Note to which they appertain do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer. Upon the date on which any definitive Note becomes due and repayable, unmatured Receipts (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect thereof.

Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form (other than Dual Currency Notes, Index Linked Notes or Long Maturity Notes (as defined below)) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of 10 years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 6) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 7) or, if later, five years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due, but in no event thereafter.

Upon any Fixed Rate Note in definitive form becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Note, Dual Currency Note, Index Linked Note or Long Maturity Note in definitive form becomes due and repayable, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof. A "Long Maturity Note" is a Fixed Rate Note (other than a Fixed Rate Note which on issue had a Talon attached) whose nominal amount on issue is less than the aggregate interest payable thereon provided that such Note shall cease to be a Long Maturity Note on the Interest Payment Date on which the aggregate amount of interest remaining to be paid after that date is less than the nominal amount of such Note.

If the due date for redemption of any definitive Note is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Note from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall (subject, in the case of Undated Subordinated Notes, to the provision of Condition 2(c)) be payable only against surrender of the relevant definitive Note.

(c) Payments in respect of Global Notes

Payments of principal and interest (including Arrears of Interest (if any)) in respect of Notes represented by any Global Note will (subject as provided below and, in the case of Undated Subordinated Notes, to the provisions of Condition 2(c)) be made in the manner specified above in relation to definitive Notes and otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant Global Note against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such Global Note at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States. A record of each payment made against presentation or surrender of any Global Note, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such Global Note by the Paying Agent to which it was presented and such record shall be *prima facie* evidence that the payment in question has been made.

(d) General provisions applicable to payments

The holder of a Global Note (or as provided in the Trust Deed, the Trustee) shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such Global Note and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note or the Trustee, as the case may be, in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note must look solely to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note or the Trustee, as the case may be.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Condition, if any amount of principal and/or interest in respect of Notes is payable in U.S. dollars, such U.S. dollar payments of principal and/or interest in respect of such Notes will be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States if:

- (i) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment in U.S. dollars at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of principal and interest on the Notes in the manner provided above when due;
- (ii) payment of the full amount of such principal and interest at all such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of principal and interest in U.S. dollars; and
- (iii) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer adverse tax consequences to the Issuer.

(e) Payment Day

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a Payment Day, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay. For these purposes, "Payment Day" means any day which (subject to Condition 7) is:

- (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in:
 - (A) the relevant place of presentation;
 - (B) London; and
 - (C) any Additional Financial Centre specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; and
- (ii) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than the place of presentation, London and any Additional Financial Centre and which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Melbourne and Wellington, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET System is open.

(f) Interpretation of principal and interest

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (i) any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 6 or pursuant to any undertakings given in addition thereto or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Trust Deed;
- (ii) the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iii) the Early Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iv) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Notes;
- (v) in relation to Notes redeemable in instalments, the Instalment Amounts;
- (vi) in relation to Zero Coupon Notes, the Amortised Face Amount (as defined in Condition 5(e)); and
- (vii) any premium and any other amounts (other than interest) which may be payable by the Issuer under or in respect of the Notes.

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under Condition 6 or pursuant to any undertakings given in addition thereto or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Trust Deed.

5. REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE

(a) Redemption at maturity

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, each Senior Note and each Dated Subordinated Note (including each Index Linked Redemption Note and Dual Currency Redemption Note) will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Pricing Supplement in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date. Each Undated Subordinated Note is undated and accordingly has no final maturity date and is only redeemable or repayable in accordance with the following provisions of this Condition or Condition 9.

(b) Redemption for tax reasons

The Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer (but subject, in the case of Subordinated Notes, to prior Relevant Supervisory Consent, as defined below, if required and subject further, if this Note is an Undated Subordinated Note, to the provisions of Condition 2(c)) in whole, but not in part, at any time (if this Note is neither a Floating Rate Note, an Index Linked Interest Note nor a Dual Currency Interest Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if this Note is either a Floating Rate Note, an Index Linked Interest Note or a Dual Currency Interest Note), on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Agent and the Trustee and, in accordance with Condition 13, the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), if immediately prior to the giving of such notice the Issuer satisfies the Trustee that:

- (i) the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 6 as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of Ireland or any political subdivision thereof or by any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date on which agreement is reached to issue the first Tranche of the Notes; and
- (ii) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it,

provided that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes then due.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee (1) a certificate signed by two Directors of the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred, and (2) an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay such additional amounts as a result of such change or amendment and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the condition precedent set out in (ii) above in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 5(b), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes in accordance with this Condition 5(b).

Notes redeemed pursuant to this Condition 5(b) will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in paragraph (e) below together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, "Relevant Supervisory Consent" means the consent to the relevant repayment of the Central Bank of Ireland (or, if the Central Bank of Ireland ceases to be the relevant regulator, the successor to the Central Bank of Ireland as the relevant regulator of banks operating in Ireland).

(c) Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)

If Issuer Call is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Issuer may (subject, if this Note is an Undated Subordinated Note, to the provisions of Condition 2(c)), having given:

- (i) not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13; and
- (ii) not less than 15 days before the giving of the notice referred to in (i), notice to the Trustee and the Agent, (which notices shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption), redeem all or some only of the Notes then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s)

specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Pricing Supplement together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date. Any such redemption must be of a nominal amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount and not more than the Maximum Redemption Amount, in each case as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, the Notes to be redeemed ("Redeemed Notes") will be selected individually by lot, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, and in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note, not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the "Selection Date"). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, a list of the serial numbers of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 13 not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. The aggregate nominal amount of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes shall bear the same proportion to the aggregate nominal amount of all Redeemed Notes as the aggregate nominal amount of definitive Notes outstanding bears to the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes outstanding, in each case on the Selection Date, provided that such first mentioned nominal amount shall, if necessary, be rounded downwards to the nearest integral multiple of the Specified Denomination, and the aggregate nominal amount of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note shall be equal to the balance of the Redeemed Notes. No exchange of the relevant Global Note will be permitted during the period from (and including) the Selection Date to (and including) the date fixed for redemption pursuant to this paragraph (c) and notice to that effect shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 at least five days prior to the Selection Date.

(d) Redemption at the option of the Noteholders other than holders of Subordinated Notes (Investor Put)

If Investor Put is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, upon the holder of any Note (other than a Subordinated Note) giving to the Issuer in accordance with Condition 13 not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice (which notice shall be irrevocable) the Issuer will, upon the expiry of such notice, redeem, subject to, and in accordance with, the terms specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, such Note on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date.

To exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must deliver, at the specified office of any Paying Agent at any time during normal business hours of such Paying Agent falling within the notice period, a duly completed and signed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying Agent (a "Put Notice") and in which the holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is required to be made by cheque, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition accompanied by, if this Note is in definitive form, this Note or evidence satisfactory to the Paying Agent concerned that this Note will, following delivery of the Put Notice, be held to its order or under its control.

(e) Early Redemption Amounts

For the purpose of paragraph (b) above and Condition 8 (if this Note is a Senior Note) or Condition 9 (if this Note is a Subordinated Note), each Note will (subject, in the case of Undated Subordinated Notes, to the provisions of Condition 2(c)) be redeemed at its Early Redemption Amount calculated as follows:

- (i) in the case of a Note with a Final Redemption Amount equal to the Issue Price, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof;
- (ii) in the case of Undated Subordinated Notes, at their nominal amount; or
- (iii) in the case of a Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note but including an Instalment Note and a Partly Paid Note) with a Final Redemption Amount which is or may be less or greater than the Issue Price or which is payable in a Specified Currency other than that in which the Note is denominated, at the amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Pricing Supplement or, if no such amount or manner is so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, at its nominal amount; or
- (iv) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note, at an amount (the "Amortised Face Amount") calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Early Redemption Amount} = \text{RP} \times (1 + \text{AY})^Y$$

where:

"RP" means the Reference Price;

"AY" means the Accrual Yield expressed as a decimal; and

“y” is a fraction the numerator of which is equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator of which is 360,

or on such other calculation basis as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

(f) Instalments

Instalment Notes will be redeemed in the Instalment Amounts and on the Instalment Dates. In the case of early redemption, the Early Redemption Amount will be determined pursuant to paragraph (e) above.

(g) Partly Paid Notes

Partly Paid Notes will be redeemed, whether at maturity, early redemption or otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of this Condition and the applicable Pricing Supplement.

(h) Purchases

The Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer may (but subject, in the case of Subordinated Notes, to prior Relevant Supervisory Consent (if required)) at any time purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of definitive Notes, all unmaturing Receipts, Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith) at any price in the open market or otherwise. If purchases are made by tender, tenders must be available to all Noteholders alike. Such Notes may be held, reissued, resold or, at the option of the Issuer, surrendered to any Paying Agent for cancellation.

(i) Cancellation

All Notes which are redeemed will forthwith be cancelled (together with all unmaturing Receipts, Coupons and Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption). All Notes so cancelled and any Notes purchased and cancelled pursuant to paragraph (h) above (together with all unmaturing Receipts, Coupons and Talons cancelled therewith) shall be forwarded to the Agent and cannot be reissued or resold.

(j) Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes

If the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Note pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d) above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 8 (if this Note is a Senior Note) or Condition 9 (if this Note is a Subordinated Note) is improperly withheld or refused, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Note shall be the amount calculated as provided in paragraph (e)(iv) above as though the references therein to the date fixed for the redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Note becomes due and payable were replaced by references to the date which is the earlier of:

- (i) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Zero Coupon Note have been paid; and
- (ii) five days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable in respect of such Zero Coupon Notes has been received by the Agent or the Trustee and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13.

6. TAXATION

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons by the Issuer will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of Ireland or any political subdivision thereof or by any authority therein or thereof having power to tax unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts as shall be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the holders of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would otherwise have been receivable in respect of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons, as the case may be, in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon:

- (a) presented for payment in Ireland; or

- (b) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who is liable for such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of his being connected with Ireland otherwise than by reason only of his ownership of such Note, Receipt or Coupon; or
- (c) presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date (as defined below) except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to an additional amount on presenting the same for payment on such thirtieth day assuming that day to have been a Payment Day (as defined in Condition 4(e)); or
- (d) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to any European Union Directive on the taxation of savings (a "Directive") implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 26th-27th November, 2000 or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
- (e) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would be able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union.

As used herein "Relevant Date" means (i) the date on which such payment first becomes due or (ii) if the full amount payable has not been received by the Agent or the Trustee on or prior to such due date, the date on which, the full amount having been so received, notice to that effect shall have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13.

7. PRESCRIPTION

The Notes, Receipts and Coupons will become void unless presented for payment within a period of 10 years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of interest) after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 6) therefor.

There shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition or Condition 4(b) or any Talon which would be void pursuant to Condition 4(b).

8. EVENTS OF DEFAULT FOR, AND ENFORCEMENT OF, SENIOR NOTES

This Condition shall apply only to Senior Notes. Any reference in this Condition 8 to "Noteholders" shall mean holders of Senior Notes.

The Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of not less than one-quarter in nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders shall (subject in each case to being indemnified to its satisfaction), (but, in the case of the happening of any of the events mentioned in paragraphs (ii) to (vi) below (inclusive), only if the Trustee shall have certified that, in its opinion, such event is materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders) give notice to the Issuer that the Notes are, and they shall accordingly thereby become, immediately due and repayable at their Early Redemption Amount, together with accrued interest as provided in the Trust Deed, if any of the following events ("Events of Default") shall have occurred and be continuing:

- (i) there is default for more than seven days in the payment of any principal or for more than 14 days in the payment of any interest in respect of the Notes or any of them when and as the same ought to be paid; or
- (ii) there is default by the Issuer in the performance or observance of any covenant, condition or provision contained in the Trust Deed or in the Notes, Receipts or Coupons and on its part to be performed or observed (other than the covenant to pay the principal or interest in respect of any of the Notes) and (except where the Trustee determines that such default is not capable of remedy when no such notice or continuation as is hereinafter mentioned shall be required) such default continues for the period of 30 days (or such longer period as the Trustee may permit) next following the service by the Trustee on the Issuer of notice requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (iii)
 - (a) if any other present or future indebtedness (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries to a Third Party (other than indebtedness in respect of any Limited Recourse Transaction) becomes due and repayable prior to its stated maturity pursuant to a default (however described) by the Issuer or such Subsidiary; or
 - (b) if any other present or future indebtedness of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries to a Third Party (other than indebtedness in respect of any Limited Recourse Transaction) is not paid when due or (as the case may be) within any applicable grace period therefor (as originally provided); or

- (c) if the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries fails to pay when due or (as the case may be) within any applicable grace period therefor (as originally provided) any amount payable by it to any Third Party under any present or future guarantee or indemnity (other than any guarantee or indemnity given in the ordinary course of its business) in respect of any present or future indebtedness (other than indebtedness in respect of any Limited Recourse Transaction); or
- (d) if any mortgage, charge, pledge, lien or other encumbrance present or future securing any present or future indebtedness (other than indebtedness in respect of any Limited Recourse Transaction), guarantee or indemnity created or assumed by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries becomes enforceable;

Provided however that for the purposes of this paragraph (iii):

- (I) the aggregate of the principal amounts of all such indebtedness (other than indebtedness in respect of any Limited Recourse Transaction) of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries to Third Parties and/or the amounts payable by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries to Third Parties under any such guarantee and/or indemnity (other than any guarantee and/or indemnity in respect of any Limited Recourse Transaction) shall at that time exceed £10,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies as determined by the Trustee) or, if higher, a sum equal to 0.15 per cent. of the Total Assets (as defined below); and
- (II) "Subsidiary" does not include an SPC Subsidiary and "Subsidiaries" does not include SPC Subsidiaries; or
- (iv) a distress or execution or other legal process in respect of a claim for £500,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies as determined by the Trustee) or more is levied or enforced or sued out against any part of the property, assets or revenues of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries (other than an SPC Subsidiary or SPC Subsidiaries) and is not discharged or stayed within 30 days of having been so levied, enforced or sued out; or
- (v) save, in the case of the Issuer for a Permitted Reorganisation (as defined below), the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary (as defined below) becomes insolvent or stops or threatens to stop payment of or is unable to pay its debts as they mature or applies for or consents to or suffers the appointment of a liquidator or an administrative or other receiver or an examiner (under the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1990 of Ireland) or an administrator of itself or the whole or any substantial part of its undertaking, property, assets or revenues or takes any proceeding under any law for a readjustment or deferment of its obligations or any substantial part thereof or makes or enters into a general assignment or an arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of its creditors or, except in any case for the purposes of a reconstruction, merger or amalgamation effected with the prior written consent of the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders, ceases or threatens to cease to carry on its business or any substantial part of its business; or
- (vi) an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding-up or dissolution of the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary or anything analogous or similar to any of the foregoing occurs (except in any case for the purposes of a reconstruction, merger or amalgamation effected with the prior written consent of the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders or, in any case concerning the Issuer, as a result of a Permitted Reorganisation).

In this Condition 8:

"Group" means the Issuer and its Subsidiaries.

"Limited Recourse Transaction" means a transaction entered into or to be entered into by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries where the sole recourse, insofar as the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries is concerned, of the provider of funds is to an asset financed by those funds or to an SPC Subsidiary or to SPC Subsidiaries formed in connection with such transaction, such provider having no recourse to the general assets or undertaking of (as the case may be) the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries. A certificate by the Auditors addressed to the Trustee that in their opinion a transaction is or is not or was or was not a Limited Recourse Transaction shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on all parties.

"Principal Subsidiaries" means a Subsidiary of the Issuer (other than an SPC Subsidiary) whose total assets represent 10 per cent. or more of the Total Assets of the Group (all as more particularly described in the Trust Deed). A certificate by the Auditors addressed to the Trustee that in their opinion a Subsidiary is or is not or was or was not at any particular time or throughout any specified period an SPC Subsidiary or a Principal Subsidiary shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on all parties.

“Permitted Reorganisation” means an amalgamation, merger, consolidation, reorganisation or other similar arrangement entered into by the Issuer under which:

- (a) the whole of the business, undertaking and assets of the Issuer are transferred to and all the liabilities and obligations of the Issuer are assumed by the new or surviving entity either:
 - (i) automatically by operation of the laws of Ireland; or
 - (ii) upon terms and subject to the satisfaction of such conditions as the Trustee shall have previously approved in writing in order to satisfy the Trustee that the new or surviving entity will be bound by the terms of the Trust Deed and the Notes as fully as if it had been named in the Trust Deed and the Notes in place of the Issuer; and
- (b) the new or surviving entity will immediately after such amalgamation, merger, consolidation, reorganisation or other similar arrangement be subject to the same regulation and supervision by the Central Bank of Ireland as the Issuer was subject immediately prior thereto.

“SPC Subsidiary” means a Subsidiary of the Issuer acquired or formed or used by the Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer for the sole purpose of a Limited Recourse Transaction where, insofar as (as the case may be) the Issuer or any other Subsidiary of the Issuer is concerned, the sole recourse of a provider of funds in relation to such Limited Recourse Transaction is to such first-mentioned Subsidiary or the assets of such first-mentioned Subsidiary or the shares in, or the securities, debentures, loan instruments, debts or other covenants of, such first-mentioned Subsidiary and neither such provider of funds nor any other party will have any recourse to (as the case may be) the Issuer or any of its other Subsidiaries or its or their other assets for the liabilities of such first-mentioned Subsidiary and “SPC Subsidiaries” shall be construed accordingly.

“Third Party” means any person not being the Issuer or a Subsidiary of the Issuer and “Third Parties” shall be construed accordingly.

“Total Assets” means the consolidated total assets of the Group as shown by the latest audited consolidated balance sheet of the Group.

The Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without further notice, take such proceedings against the Issuer as it may think fit to enforce the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons, but it shall not be bound to take any such proceedings or any other action in relation to the Trust Deed, the Notes, the Receipts or the Coupons unless (a) it shall have been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders or so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-quarter in nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding, and (b) it shall have been indemnified to its satisfaction.

No Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails so to do within a reasonable period and the failure is continuing.

9. EVENTS OF DEFAULT FOR, AND ENFORCEMENT OF, SUBORDINATED NOTES

This Condition shall apply only to Subordinated Notes. Any reference in this Condition 9 to “Noteholders” shall mean holders of Subordinated Notes.

- (i) If default is made in the payment of any principal or interest due in respect of the Notes and such default continues for a period of 15 days after the due date for the same or, as the case may be, after any other date upon which the payment of interest is compulsory, the Trustee may, subject as provided below, at its discretion and without further notice, institute proceedings for the winding-up of the Issuer in Ireland (but not elsewhere), but may take no further action in respect of such default. For the purposes of this paragraph and in relation to Undated Subordinated Notes only, (i) a payment shall be deemed to be due or compulsory even if the condition set out in Condition 2(c)(1)(B) is not satisfied, and (ii) for the avoidance of doubt, the exercise by the Issuer of its right, pursuant to Condition 2(c)(1)(C), not to make any payment(s) of interest in respect of Undated Subordinated Notes shall not constitute a default in the payment of interest.
- (ii) If, otherwise than for the purposes of a Permitted Reorganisation or for the purposes of a reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganisation, merger or consolidation on terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders, an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding-up or dissolution of the Issuer in Ireland (but not elsewhere), the Trustee may, subject as provided below, at its discretion, give notice to the Issuer that the Dated Subordinated Notes are, and they shall accordingly thereby forthwith become, immediately due and repayable at their Early Redemption Amount as defined in Condition 5(e), plus accrued interest as provided in the Trust Deed.

- (iii) Without prejudice to Condition 9(i) or 9(ii) above, the Trustee may, subject as provided below, at its discretion and without further notice, institute such proceedings against the Issuer as it may think fit to enforce any obligation, condition or provision binding on the Issuer under the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or the Trust Deed (other than any obligation for the payment of any principal or interest in respect of the Notes), provided that the Issuer shall not as a consequence of such proceedings be obliged to pay any sum or sums representing or measured by reference to principal or interest in respect of the Notes sooner than the same would otherwise have been payable by it.
- (iv) The Trustee shall not be bound to take action referred to in Condition 9(i), (ii) and/or (iii) above unless
 - (a) it shall have been so requested in writing by Noteholders holding at least one-quarter in nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding or so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders and
 - (b) it shall have been indemnified to its satisfaction.
- (v) No Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer pursuant to paragraph (iii) above unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails so to do within a reasonable period and the failure is continuing. No Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder shall be entitled either to institute proceedings in Ireland (or elsewhere) for the winding-up of the Issuer or to submit a claim in such winding-up, except that if the Trustee, having become bound to institute such proceedings as aforesaid, fails to do so, or, being able and bound to submit a claim in such winding-up, fails to do so, in each case within a reasonable period and such failure is continuing, then any such holder may, on giving an indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee, in the name of the Trustee (but not otherwise), himself institute proceedings for the winding-up of the Issuer in Ireland (but not elsewhere) and/or submit a claim in such winding-up to the same extent (but not further or otherwise) that the Trustee would have been entitled to do.

10. REPLACEMENT OF NOTES, RECEIPTS, COUPONS AND TALONS

Should any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may, subject to all applicable laws and stock exchange requirements, be replaced at the specified office of the Agent upon payment by the claimant of such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

11. PAYING AGENTS

The names of the initial Paying Agents and their initial specified offices are set out below.

The Issuer is entitled, with the prior written approval of the Trustee, to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent and/or appoint additional or other Paying Agents and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Paying Agent acts, provided that:

- (a) there will at all times be an Agent; and
- (b) so long as the Notes are listed on any stock exchange or admitted to listing by any other relevant authority, there will at all times be a Paying Agent with a specified office in such place as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange (or any other relevant authority); and
- (c) if any Directive (as defined in Condition 6) or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive is introduced, the Issuer will ensure that it maintains a Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Directive.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent, approved in writing by the Trustee, having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in Condition 4(d). Any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect (other than in the case of insolvency, when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice thereof shall have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13.

In acting under the Agency Agreement, the Paying Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and, in certain limited circumstances, the Trustee and do not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency or trust with, any Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders. The Agency Agreement contains provisions permitting any entity into which any Paying Agent is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or to which it transfers all or substantially all of its assets to become the successor paying agent.

12. EXCHANGE OF TALONS

On and after the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Agent or any other Paying Agent outside the United States in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 7. Each Talon shall, for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, be deemed to mature on the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in the relative Coupon sheet matures.

13. NOTICES

All notices regarding the Notes will be deemed to be validly given if published (i) in a leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London or, if in any case this is not in the opinion of the Trustee practicable, in at least one daily English language newspaper with general circulation in Europe approved by the Trustee and (ii) (in respect of any Notes listed in the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange (so long as that exchange requires)) in an English language daily newspaper published and circulating nationally in Ireland. It is expected that such publication will be made in the *Financial Times* in London and *The Irish Times* in Dublin. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules and regulations of any stock exchange (or any other relevant authority) on which the Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to listing. Any such notice will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication or, where required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of publication in the last of all required newspapers.

Until such time as any definitive Notes are issued, there may, so long as any Global Notes representing the Notes are held in their entirety on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, be substituted for such publication in such newspaper(s) the delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg for communication by them to the holders of the Notes and, in addition, for so long as any Notes are listed on a stock exchange or admitted to listing by any other relevant authority and the rules of that stock exchange or other relevant authority so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by that stock exchange or other relevant authority. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Notes on the seventh day after the day on which the said notice was given to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Receiptholders and Couponholders will be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to Noteholders in accordance with this Condition 13.

Notices to be given by any Noteholder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together (in the case of any Note in definitive form) with the relative Note or Notes, with the Agent. Whilst any of the Notes are represented by a Global Note, such notice may be given by any holder of a Note to the Agent through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in such manner as the Agent and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

14. MEETINGS OF NOTEHOLDERS, MODIFICATION, WAIVER, AUTHORISATION AND SUBSTITUTION

- (i) The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer or Noteholders holding not less than five per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being remaining outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons holding or representing a clear majority in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the Notes so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the Notes, the Receipts or the Coupons (including modifying the date of maturity of the Notes or any date for payment of interest thereon, reducing or cancelling the amount of principal or the rate of interest payable in respect of the Notes or altering the currency of payment of the Notes, the Receipts or the Coupons), or certain provisions of the Trust Deed, the quorum shall be one or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons holding or representing not less than one-third in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Noteholders shall be binding on all the Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Receiptholders and Couponholders.

The Trustee may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, to:

- (a) any modification of, or to any waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of these Conditions or any provision of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed which, in the opinion of the Trustee, is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders; or
 - (b) any modification of any of these Conditions or any provision of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or the Trust Deed which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error or to comply with mandatory provisions of the law.
- (ii) If the Issuer shall undergo a Permitted Reorganisation, the new or surviving entity in any such case will be substituted in place of the Issuer as principal debtor under the Trust Deed, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons without any prior approval thereof being required of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders or any further consent thereto being required of the Trustee.
- (iii) Without prejudice to Condition 14(ii) above and subject as provided in the Trust Deed, the Trustee may at any time agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or the Couponholders, to the substitution in place of the Issuer (or any previous substitute under this Condition) as the principal debtor under the Trust Deed and the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons (as defined in the Trust Deed) of (i) any successor in business of the Issuer, (ii) any wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Issuer and (iii) any wholly-owned Subsidiary of a successor in business of the Issuer, subject in each case to the Trustee being satisfied that the substitution will not breach any applicable law or regulation and that all necessary governmental, regulatory and other approvals, consents and licences in respect of the substitution shall have been obtained and are in full force and effect and, in the case of the substitution of any company other than a successor in business of the Issuer, the irrevocable and unconditional guarantee on a subordinated basis equal to that mentioned in Condition 2, in a form satisfactory to the Trustee, of the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons by the Issuer or such successor in business of the Issuer and subject to certain other conditions set out in the Trust Deed being complied with.
- (iv) In connection with the exercise by it of any of its trusts, powers, authorities or discretions (including, without limitation, any modification, waiver, authorisation or substitution), the Trustee shall have regard to the interests of the Noteholders as a class but shall not have regard to any interests arising from circumstances particular to individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders (whatever their number) and, in particular but without limitation, shall not have regard to the consequence of the exercise of its trusts, powers or discretions for individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders (whatever their number) resulting from their being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require, nor shall any Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer or any other person any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequences of any such exercise upon individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders except to the extent already provided for in Condition 6 and/or any undertaking given in addition to, or in substitution for, Condition 6 pursuant to the Trust Deed.
- (v) Any such modification, waiver, authorisation or substitution shall be binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders and, unless the Trustee agrees otherwise, any such modification or substitution shall be notified to the Noteholders by the Issuer as soon as practicable thereafter in accordance with Condition 13.

15. FURTHER ISSUES

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders to create and issue further notes having terms and conditions the same as the Notes or the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding Notes. The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening a single meeting of the Noteholders and the holders of notes of other Series in certain circumstances where the Trustee so decides.

16. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of this Note under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

17. GOVERNING LAW AND SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION

(a) Governing law

The Trust Deed, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law except that Conditions 2(b), 2(c) and 2(d) and the equivalent provisions of the Trust Deed are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of Ireland.

(b) Submission to jurisdiction

The Issuer has in the Trust Deed irrevocably agreed for the benefit of the Trustee, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, that the courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with the Trust Deed, the Notes, the Receipts and/or the Coupons and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings (together referred to as "Proceedings") arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons may be brought in such courts.

The Issuer has in the Trust Deed irrevocably and unconditionally waived and agreed not to raise any objection which it may have now or hereafter to the laying of the venue of any such Proceedings in any such court and any claim that any such Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and has further irrevocably and unconditionally agreed that a judgment in any such Proceedings brought in the English courts shall be conclusive and binding upon it and may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction.

Nothing contained in this Condition shall limit any right to take Proceedings against the Issuer in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not.

(c) Appointment of Process Agent

The Issuer has in the Trust Deed appointed each of the persons for the time being nominated under Part XXIII of the Companies Act 1985 as its agent for the service of process on it to accept on its behalf service of process in England in connection with any Proceedings, and has undertaken that, in the event of its London Branch ceasing to be registered under Part XXIII of the Companies Act 1985, it will appoint such other person as the Trustee may approve as its agent for that purpose. At 15th August, 2002 such nominated persons are employees for the time being of its London Branch at 10 Old Jewry, London EC2R 8DN*. The Issuer has also agreed in the Trust Deed to procure that, so long as any of the Notes remains outstanding, there shall be in force an appointment of such a person approved by the Trustee with an office in London with authority to accept service as aforesaid. Nothing herein shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

Note

* This is the case at 2nd July, 2003.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds from each issue of Notes will be applied by the Issuer for its general corporate purposes.

CAPITALISATION AND INDEBTEDNESS OF THE ISSUER

The following table is a summary of the Group's consolidated shareholders' funds and indebtedness at 31st March, 2003 extracted without material adjustment from the Group's unaudited interim consolidated accounts.

	<i>(€ million)</i>
Shareholders' Funds	
Share Capital ¹	104.7
Share Premium	149.7
Other Reserves	0.9
Profit and Loss Account	552.9
Total Shareholders' Funds (All Equity Interests)	808.2
Indebtedness (unsecured)²	
Deposits and Loans from Banks	3,574.1
Customer Accounts	12,547.2
Debt Securities in Issue	2,972.9
Other Liabilities	513.8
Subordinated Liabilities	442.6
Non-Equity Minority Interest in Subsidiary — Preference Shares	267.5
Perpetual Capital Securities	659.7
Total Indebtedness	20,977.8
Total Capitalisation	21,786.0

Notes:

- 1 The authorised share capital of the Bank at 31st March, 2003 was 380,000,000 ordinary shares of €0.32 each of which 327,074,988 were allotted, called up and fully paid at that date.
- 2 For the purposes of this table "Indebtedness" is defined as including Non-Equity Minority Interest in Subsidiary — Preference Shares. None of the Indebtedness is guaranteed by any third parties, save as might arise in respect of CBOI deposit protection schemes which would guarantee deposits up to an amount equal to the lower of 90 per cent. of the deposit or €20,000.
- 3 At 31st March, 2003, other than guarantees of €1,198 million, the Group had no material contingent liabilities. As at that date, the Group had commitments to lend of €2,364.1 million.
- 4 At the date of this Offering Circular there has been no material change in the capitalisation and indebtedness of the Group since 31st March, 2003 nor in the guarantees it has issued, commitments to lend it has made or any other contingent liabilities since that date.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUER

Introduction

The Bank is an Irish licensed bank incorporated and having its headquarters in Ireland. It was incorporated on 17th November, 1964. It operates and is regulated as such under the supervision, as the regulator, of the Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority ("IFSRA") as a constituent part of the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland ("CBOI"), further details of which are set out under "Regulatory Framework for Irish Banks" below. The business of the Bank is directed and managed by a board of directors, details of which are set out below. Details of the Bank's business operations and subsidiaries are also set out below.

Regulatory Framework for Irish Banks

The principal legislation governing the regulation and control of the Irish banking system is the Central Bank Act 1971 as amended by the Central Bank Acts 1989, 1997 and 1998. The Central Bank Act of 1971 gave the CBOI similar powers to those of other banking-supervisory authorities in Europe. The 1989 and 1997 Acts further strengthened the CBOI's powers in relation to the supervision of banks and other related activities and the 1998 Act introduced provisions to allow the Central Bank membership of the European Systems of Central Banks. The various Central Bank Acts were supplemented by the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority Act 2003 under which the IFSRA became the licensing and controlling authority for all financial institutions in Ireland.

The relevant legislation contains extensive provisions relating to, *inter alia*, the granting and revocation of licences with the consent of the Minister of Finance, the obtaining of information from credit institutions, the undertaking of on-site inspections, and supervision generally of the activities of credit institutions. As many of the provisions are of a discretionary nature, the regulator has set down requirements and standards which it uses to guide it in the assessment of applications for licences and in the supervision of the business carried on by credit institutions. These requirements were last revised and updated in April 1998.

Ownership

IFSRA operates strict criteria in relation to the ownership of licensed banks. In general, IFSRA stipulates that the ownership of banks be vested in one or more banks or other financial institutions of standing or, alternatively, that there be a wide spread of ownership. The Central Bank Act of 1989 gives IFSRA extensive legal powers to limit the acquisition of shares in a bank in excess of 10 per cent. of share capital.

Capital Adequacy

The capital adequacy measures included in the European Union Own Funds and Solvency Ratio Directives were adopted in 1991. Specifically, a capital adequacy ratio based on the relationship of capital to weighted risk assets of between 8 per cent. and 12 per cent. is stipulated for each licensed bank.

Risk Assets

A licensed bank must maintain a diversified portfolio of risk assets, and there are limits on the maximum exposure permissible in any one economic sector or to any one borrower, or to what is considered by IFSRA to be an associated group of borrowers.

Liquidity

A holder of a licence must observe such minimum prudential liquidity ratios as are determined by IFSRA from time to time (the currently applied ratio being 25 per cent.). In particular, it must establish appropriate policies with regard to the management of its liquidity and ensure that adequate internal systems are created to monitor and control maturity mismatches between a bank's assets and liabilities, to the satisfaction of IFSRA.

Inspections

The Central Bank Act 1971 gives explicit power to the CBOI to conduct on-site inspections of banks. Such on-site inspections of all banks have been routinely and frequently conducted by the CBOI since 1971 and from 1st May, 2003 will be undertaken by IFSRA.

Other Controls

IFSRA requires that banks have in place sufficient management and internal controls:

- (i) to provide for ongoing control and monitoring of foreign exchange operations;

- (ii) to assess and control all off-balance sheet activities; and
- (iii) to determine and assess on an ongoing basis the degree of interest rate risk to which a bank is exposed.

Connected Assets

Guidelines set out limits on the extent to which risk assets can be employed in non-financial businesses in which a licence holder has a major interest. Beneficial ownership of 10 per cent. or more of the equity of a business, together with membership of the Board, is considered by IFSRA to be a major interest. The guidelines also specify limits on the extent to which risk assets can be employed with any one of the bank's directors or significant shareholders, including, in either case, funds employed with businesses in which the director or significant shareholder has a major interest (as already defined).

Deposit Protection Scheme

The European Communities (Deposit Guarantee Schemes) Regulations, 1995 (as amended by the Central Bank Act, 1997 and the European Communities (Deposit Guarantee Schemes) Regulations, 1999) set out the terms and conditions governing deposit protection in Ireland. The Irish deposit protection scheme is funded by credit institutions authorised by IFSRA. The funding for the scheme is based on a contribution by licence holders to a deposit protection account maintained at the CBOI at the rate of 0.2 per cent. of the total deposits (excluding interbank deposits and negotiable certificates of deposit) of any currency held by the licence holder at its branches in the European Union.

The scheme guarantees payments in respect of 90 per cent. of the aggregate deposits from a depositor (subject to a maximum payment of €20,000) in the event of a bank failure. A further additional feature of the scheme is that the regulator may, at its discretion and to such extent as it may deem proper, charge on the deposit protection account any payment which, in its opinion, was applied to promote the orderly and proper regulation of banking. In other words, the regulator has the power to use the funds of the deposit protection account to rescue a bank if it considers it to be desirable to do so.

History of Anglo Irish Bank Corporation plc

Anglo Irish Bank Corporation plc is one of the five publicly quoted Irish banking groups. It is engaged in the areas of business banking, treasury and wealth management. The Bank currently has operations in Ireland, the UK, the Isle of Man, Austria and Switzerland. It also has recently established representative offices in Boston in the USA and Düsseldorf in Germany and has most recently established an additional representative office in New York in the USA.

The history of the Bank goes back to its foundation in 1964 under the name City of Dublin Bank Limited ("CDB"). In 1971 it became a publicly listed company with a quotation on the London and Dublin Stock Exchanges. Following the enactment of the Central Bank Act 1971, CDB was granted a banking licence by the CBOI in 1972. In 1978 CDB acquired Anglo Irish Bank Ltd. which it maintained as a separate subsidiary. In 1984 CDB entered the UK market through the acquisition of Industrial Funding Trust. In 1986 CDB and Anglo Irish Bank Ltd. were merged into one entity, the Bank.

The Bank has grown its business both organically and by way of selective acquisition of businesses and/or loan portfolios complementary to its own activities. Each of these acquisitions were subject to a thorough due diligence review and in the cases of loan portfolios acquired, all loans were subject to review in accordance with the Bank's credit criteria.

In Ireland such acquisitions have included Irish Bank of Commerce Limited (1988), a loan portfolio from Hill Samuel (Ireland) (1994), Ansbacher Bankers Limited (1995) and Smurfit Paribas Bank Limited (1999).

In the UK the Bank has acquired loan portfolios from Chemical Bank (1993), CIBC (1994), Allied Dunbar Assurance plc (1995) and Hypovereinsbank (1999), and UK corporate foreign exchange contracts and a customer list from Hambros Bank (1998).

The Bank established its banking subsidiary in the Isle of Man in 1988. It added to this with the acquisition in the Isle of Man of Mees Pierson's trust and investment business in 1998 and Ernst & Young's trust and corporate services business in 2002.

The Bank's involvement in Austria commenced with the purchase of a private banking operation Royal Trust Bank (Austria) A.G., a subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Canada in January 1995. In September 1998 the Bank completed the acquisition of Credit Lyonnais (Austria) A.G., a company primarily engaged in the provision of funds management and private banking services. The two businesses in Austria were merged and now operate under the Anglo Irish name.

In April 2001 the Bank acquired Bank Marcuard Cook a private banking business located in Geneva. This operation was subsequently renamed Anglo Irish Bank (Suisse) S.A.

Recent Developments

In February 2003 the Bank's UK subsidiary, Anglo Irish Asset Finance plc, completed a tap issue of £90,000,000 7.625 per cent. Tier One Non-Innovative Capital Securities which were guaranteed by the Bank.

Overview of Business

The Bank had total assets of €18,026.7 million and €2,020.8 million of capital resources as at 30th September, 2002. It operates out of 6 branches in Ireland, 5 branches in Great Britain and has subsidiaries based in the Isle of Man, Austria and Switzerland. The Bank also has representative offices in Boston and New York in the USA and in Düsseldorf in Germany. As at 30th September, 2002, the Bank employed 854 people, of whom 558 were located in the Republic of Ireland.

The Bank's three principal activities are:

(a) Business Banking

The Bank focuses on providing credit-related products including loans, guarantees, foreign currency loans, fixed rate loans, asset finance products and secured personal loans. The Bank targets medium/small size corporates, professionals and high net worth individuals in Ireland and the UK. Security is required for almost all lending. The Bank does not lend for working capital purposes to the manufacturing sector, nor does it grant credit for primary agriculture or unsecured personal lending.

(b) Treasury

The Bank offers a full range of treasury services, including deposits, commercial paper, foreign exchange, futures and swaps to its client base. The treasury division is responsible for the funding, liquidity and asset/liability management of the Bank and achieving maximum returns on free funds in a capital-efficient manner. Trade Finance and an investment portfolio are two more recent, but growing, activities in the treasury division.

(c) Wealth Management

Reflecting the extent and diversity of activities the Bank established a separate wealth management division in April 2002. These operations are conducted in Ireland, the Isle of Man, Austria and Switzerland and cover private banking, funds management, wealth management and retirement planning.

Capital Adequacy

IFSRA specifies the minimum capital requirements for banks in accordance with the terms of European Union directives and the Bank for International Settlements to ensure that the assets of a bank are backed by appropriate levels of capital. IFSRA has specified a minimum capital adequacy being the ratio of total capital to risk weighted assets. Total capital is defined as the sum of (i) Tier 1 capital plus Tier 2 capital less certain deductions in respect of items such as goodwill and shortfalls in the market value of investments and (ii) with the prior approval of IFSRA, Tier 3 capital. Tier 1 capital comprises mainly share capital and reserves, Tier 2 capital comprises mainly debt instruments of a capital nature, including subordinated debt having a maturity of at least five years. Tier 3 capital is intended to cover risks associated with the relevant bank's trading book and foreign exchange and commodity risks only and is comprised of subordinated debt having a maturity of at least two years and certain net trading book profits. The risk assets are given weightings according to perceived risk; for example, residential mortgages are weighted at 50 per cent. whereas most loans and advances are weighted at 100 per cent.

The Bank's capital adequacy position over the past two years has been as follows¹:

	Total Capital Ratio	Tier 1 Ratio
	%	%
As at 30th September, 2001	12.2	6.8
As at 30th September, 2002	12.7	8.2

¹ Source: Derived from the Bank's unaudited Management Accounts and records.

Liquidity

IFSRA has the power to impose liquidity ratios on licensed banks and monitor that these ratios are consistently maintained in each case as it deems fit, for the purposes of ensuring adequate supervision of the liquidity of such banks. The Bank's liquidity ratio has been significantly above IFSRA's requirements. The Bank's liquidity for the past two years has been 31.3 per cent. as at 30th September, 2001 and 31.7 per cent. as at 30th September, 2002.

Funding

The Bank's funding is derived from a strong and well diversified deposit base. Reflecting this diversity the Bank has established deposit bases in Ireland, the UK, the Isle of Man and Austria. Deposits are sourced from the private, commercial and institutional and personal sectors.

In addition the Bank is a significant player in the international interbank markets where it is an active deposit taker. In addition the Bank has in recent years become more active in diversifying funding to a capital markets investor base through the establishment of an MTN programme and ECP programme and the completion of two securitisation transactions, the most recent of which was £400 million in June 2002.

The above funding mix is supplemented with a series of committed banking facilities. As at 30th September, 2002 the Bank had €1,412 million of undrawn committed facilities with maturities of between one and three years. If these undrawn facilities were included in the calculation of liquidity as at 30th September, 2002 the liquidity ratio at that date would have been 40.1 per cent.

Asset Quality

In line with regulatory requirements the Bank maintains a diversified asset portfolio with individual sectors each accounting for less than 20 per cent. by value of the whole portfolio. Furthermore, it is the Bank's lending policy that no loan is advanced which exceeds 1 per cent. by value of the total loan portfolio. The Bank's lending policy includes a maximum loan to collateral value ratio of 75 per cent. by value.

A sectoral analysis of the loan portfolio of the Bank as at 30th September, 2002 is set out below²:

	Loan Portfolio
	%
Professional	20
Investment property	20
Food	6
Leisure/Entertainment.. .. .	10
Wholesale/Distribution	12
Retail	13
Building/Construction	6
Financial	6
Bridging	7
Total	100

² Source: Derived from the Bank's unaudited Management Accounts and records.

The Bank classifies loans using the following categories:

- (i) “performing”;
- (ii) “watch list”; and
- (iii) “bad debt”.

All loans will be classified as performing unless they are classified either in the watch list or bad debt categories.

Watch list status will apply where a borrower fails to make a scheduled payment or breaches a financial covenant and the Bank is of the opinion that this is indicative of a problem being experienced by the borrower which requires monitoring and hands-on management by the Bank to ensure that loan servicing and repayment are completed on schedule.

If on the other hand the Bank considers that the failure by a borrower to make a scheduled payment is indicative of a fundamental problem with the borrower’s ability to service and/or repay a loan, the borrower will be classified as bad debt. A prudent interest and/or capital provision will be put in place and appropriate legal action will then be taken with a view to minimising any potential loss. It is the Bank’s policy that non-performing loans are put on non-accrual status.

The Bank also makes a general loss provision of 1.0 per cent. against all business written.

The Bank’s non-performing loans as a percentage of the Bank’s total loan portfolio was 0.7 per cent. as at 30th September, 2001 and as at 30th September, 2002.

The total accumulated provisions as a percentage of the Bank’s total loan portfolio as at 30th September, 2001 was 1.9 per cent. and as at 30th September, 2002 was 1.8 per cent.

Subsidiaries

As at the date hereof, the Bank’s principal wholly-owned subsidiaries include:

Principal Subsidiary Undertaking	Holding	Principal Activity	Country of Incorporation
Anglo Irish Asset Finance plc	100%	Asset Finance	United Kingdom
Anglo Irish Asset Management Limited	100%	Fund Management	Republic of Ireland
Anglo Irish Bank (Austria) A.G.	100%	Banking	Austria
Anglo Irish Bank Corporation (I.O.M.) P.L.C.	100%	Banking	Isle of Man
Anglo Irish Bank (Suisse) S.A.	100%	Banking	Switzerland
Anglo Irish Capital Funding Limited	100%	Finance	Cayman Islands
Anglo Irish Limited	100%	Finance	Isle of Man
Anglo Irish International Financial Services Limited	100%	Finance	Republic of Ireland
Anglo Irish Trust (IOM) Limited	100%	Trust Services	Isle of Man
Buyway Group Limited	100%	Investment Holding	Republic of Ireland
Irish Buyway Limited	100%	Finance	Republic of Ireland
Knightsdale Limited	100%	Finance	Republic of Ireland
Anglo Aggmore Limited Partnerships	75%	Property Trading	United Kingdom
Anglo Irish Assurance Company Limited	100%	Life Assurance and Pensions	Republic of Ireland
CDB (U.K.) Limited	100%	Investment Holding	United Kingdom
Steenwal B.V.	100%	Investment Holding	The Netherlands

Shareholders

The Bank's shares are publicly quoted on the Irish and London Stock Exchanges. The Bank has over 14,700 shareholders with approximately 90 per cent. of shares being held by financial institutions. The following interests in the ordinary share capital of the Bank had been notified to the Bank as at 31 March 2003:

	Number of Shares	% of Issued Ordinary Share Capital
Zurich Financial Services Group ³	17,157,135	5.25%
Bank of Ireland Nominees Limited ³	15,902,807	4.89%

³These shareholders have informed the Bank that their holdings are not beneficially owned but are held on behalf of a range of clients, none of whom, so far as the directors are aware, hold more than 3 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital.

Directors

The following table sets out the current members of the Bank's Board of Directors at the date of this document and their principal outside activities:

Name	Function within the Bank	Principal Outside Activity
Peter Murray	Chairman (Non-Executive)	Full-time business and financial consultant
Sean FitzPatrick	Chief Executive	
Michael Jacob	Director (Non-Executive)	Chairman of the Lett Group of Companies, Deputy Chairman of SIAC Construction Limited, President of the Royal Dublin Society
Peter Killen	Head of Group Risk Asset Management	
William McAteer	Finance Director	
Tiarnan O Mahoney	Chief Operating Officer	
John Rowan	Managing Director of the Bank's operations in the United Kingdom	
Patrick Wright	Director (Non-Executive)	Chairman of the RTE Authority, Chairman of Aon McDonagh Boland Group, Deputy Chairman of Aer Lingus Group, a Trustee of the Irish Business & Employers Confederation
Dr. Anton Stanzel	Director (Non-Executive)	Full-time business and financial consultant
Ned Sullivan	Director (Non-Executive)	Chairman of Greencore plc
Fintan Drury	Director (Non-Executive)	Chairman of sports management company, DSMI and Chairman of Paddy Power plc
Patricia Jamal	Director (Non-Executive)	Director of Aston Mansfield Charitable Trust

The business address of each of the Directors is Stephen Court, 18/21 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The information set out on pages 48 and 49 has been extracted without material adjustment from the Bank's Annual Report and Accounts for the years ended 30th September, 2002 and 30th September, 2001 and from the Bank's unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended 31st March, 2003.

Change in Accounting Policy

The Group adopted FRS 19 "Deferred Tax" during the year ended 30th September, 2002. Under this new accounting standard full recognition must now be given to the tax value of timing differences between profits stated in the accounts and profits computed for taxation purposes. Previously, deferred tax was only recognised where there was a reasonable probability that a tax asset or liability was likely to arise in the foreseeable future on these timing differences and deferred tax assets could not be recognised where they would be replaced by equivalent debit balances.

As a consequence of adopting FRS 19 deferred tax assets are now recognised on all general bad debt provisions in the Group. This increased deferred tax assets by an additional €21.6 million at 30th September, 2001. Recognition was also given to the tax value of certain unused capital allowances in the Group's leading business in the United Kingdom amounting to €2.1 million at 30th September, 2001.

FRS 19 also requires full provision to be made for the tax liability which would arise from the claw-back of capital allowances claimed in the event of the disposal of certain Irish tax-based assets within their claw-back period, even in circumstances where there is no intention to make such disposals. This amounted to €5.4 million at 30th September, 2001.

Prior year results were restated to reflect FRS 19 leading to an increase in deferred tax assets and shareholders' funds of €18.3 million at 30th September, 2001. Tax on profit on ordinary activities for the year ended 30th September, 2001 was reduced by €3.7 million, resulting in an increase in profit after tax and profit attributable to ordinary shareholders of the same amount.

The result of the change in policy for the year ended 30th September, 2002 was to reduce the tax on profit on ordinary activities by €6.1 million, resulting in an increase in profit after tax and profit attributable to ordinary shareholders of the same amount.

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

	For the six months ended 31st March, 2003	For the year ended 30th September, 2002	2001
	(unaudited)	(audited)	(audited)
	(€ million)	(€ million)	(€ million) (restated)
Interest Receivable and Similar Income			
Interest Receivable and Similar Income arising from Debt			
Securities and other Fixed Income Securities	24.2	47.1	41.9
Other Interest Receivable and Similar Income	515.6	943.0	905.8
Interest Payable and Similar Charges	(342.9)	(643.2)	(678.2)
Net Interest Income	196.9	346.9	269.5
Other Income			
Fees and Commissions Receivable	75.7	123.3	107.3
Fees and Commissions Payable	(6.1)	(11.6)	(7.9)
Dealing Profits.. .. .	2.7	3.5	6.3
Other Operating Income	4.8	9.4	7.4
Total Income	274.0	471.5	382.6
Operating Expenses			
Administrative Expenses	74.5	132.9	109.6
Depreciation and Goodwill Amortisation	6.3	11.7	8.3
Provisions for Bad and Doubtful Debts			
– Specific	11.0	16.3	14.4
– General	27.7	49.3	55.3
Amounts Written Off Fixed Asset Investments.. .. .	—	—	0.2
	119.5	210.2	187.8
Group Profit on Ordinary Activities Before			
Taxation	154.5	261.3	194.8
Taxation on Profit on Ordinary Activities	(36.9)	(58.5)	(43.7)
Group Profit on Ordinary Activities After			
Taxation	117.6	202.8	151.1
Non-Equity Minority Interest — Preference Dividends	(9.0)	(18.8)	(23.3)
Group Profit Attributable to Ordinary			
Shareholders	108.6	184.0	127.8
Dividends	(15.8)	(40.3)	(31.6)
Group Profit Retained for Year	92.8	143.7	96.2
Scrip Dividends	4.4	8.4	6.7
Group Profit Brought Forward.. .. .	455.7	303.6	200.7
Group Profit Carried Forward	552.9	455.7	303.6
Basic Earnings Per Share	33.55c	58.14c	43.18c
Diluted Earnings Per Share	32.77c	56.71c	41.92c
Dividends Per Ordinary Share	4.87c	12.53c	10.44c

Consolidated Balance Sheet

	As at 31st March, 2003 (unaudited)	As at 30th September, 2002 (audited)	2001 (audited)
	(€ million)	(€ million)	(€ million) (restated)
Assets			
Loans and Advances to Banks	4,299.5	3,887.8	3,386.7
Loans and Advances to Customers	15,303.0	13,356.5	10,952.0
Securitised Assets	879.6	940.4	569.6
Less: Non-Returnable Proceeds	(847.0)	(903.4)	(546.3)
	32.6	37.0	23.3
Debt Securities	1,380.2	1,456.4	943.5
Equity Investment Shares	2.4	2.4	1.3
Own Shares.. .. .	6.7	6.1	5.3
Intangible Fixed Assets — Goodwill	78.4	61.5	64.1
Tangible Fixed Assets	27.8	28.0	29.1
Other Assets	159.0	123.9	54.7
Prepayments and Accrued Income	496.4	379.0	260.4
	21,786.0	19,338.6	15,720.4
Life Assurance Assets Attributable to Policyholders	184.4	79.2	55.6
Total Assets	21,970.4	19,417.8	15,776.0
Liabilities			
Deposits by Banks	3,574.1	3,097.4	3,763.8
Customer Accounts.. .. .	12,547.2	11,836.1	8,862.3
Debt Securities in Issue	2,972.9	1,919.2	1,217.4
Other Liabilities	58.7	82.3	77.1
Accruals and Deferred Income	450.2	377.9	220.1
Provisions for Liabilities and Charges	4.9	4.9	4.8
	19,608.0	17,317.8	14,145.5
Capital Resources			
Subordinated Liabilities.. .. .	442.6	467.3	476.6
Perpetual Capital Securities.. .. .	659.7	564.7	318.3
Non-Equity Minority Interest in Subsidiary — Preference Shares	267.5	279.2	288.1
	1,369.8	1,311.2	1,083.0
Called Up Share Capital	104.7	104.1	97.9
Share Premium Account	149.7	148.9	89.5
Other Reserves	0.9	0.9	0.9
Profit and Loss Account	552.9	455.7	303.6
Total Shareholders' Funds (All Equity Interests)	808.2	709.6	491.9
Total Capital Resources	2,178.0	2,020.8	1,574.9
	21,786.0	19,338.6	15,720.4
Life Assurance Assets Attributable to Policyholders	184.4	79.2	55.6
Total Liabilities	21,970.4	19,417.8	15,776.0
Contingent Liabilities			
Guarantees	1,198.0	655.5	690.4
Commitments			
Commitments to Lend	2,364.1	2,530.8	2,088.3

TAXATION

Ireland

The comments below are of a general nature based on the Issuer's understanding of the current law and practice in Ireland relating to the taxation of Notes under the Programme and are subject to changes therein. They relate only to the position of persons who are the absolute beneficial owners of the Notes and the interest on them and may not apply to certain classes of person, such as dealers. Prospective holders of Notes should be aware that the particular terms of issue of any notes may affect the treatment of that Series of Notes. Holders of Notes who are in any doubt as to their tax position should consult their professional advisers.

No withholding for or on account of Irish income tax will be required to be made on interest arising on the Notes or uplift in principal on redemption of Index Linked Notes in a number of circumstances as summarised below.

Deposit Interest Retention Tax

Deposit interest retention tax takes precedence over annual interest withholding tax (as described below) and needs to be considered initially.

Deposit interest retention tax applies to relevant deposit takers such as the Issuer under Chapter 4 of Part 8 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 and is relevant to Notes which are not listed on the London Stock Exchange, Irish Stock Exchange or any other recognised stock exchange, whether such Notes are interest bearing, discounted or carry a premium or other return.

In the absence of an applicable exemption (as to which see below), a relevant deposit taker is required to make a deduction in respect of interest (which includes any amount, whether or not described as interest, paid in the consideration of the making of a deposit (which would include the purchase amount paid to the Issuer for the Note)). In the case of Notes, the application of withholding tax would be at the standard rate of income tax, currently 20 per cent. Payment on Notes, Receipts or Coupons would be exempted from deposit interest retention tax where:

1. the person beneficially entitled to the interest is the holder of an Irish banking licence or a person who holds a licence or similar authorisation under the law of any other member state of the European Communities and which corresponds to an Irish banking licence; or
2. the person beneficially entitled to the interest on the Note is not resident in Ireland and on the date of the purchase of the Note or, as applicable, Coupon has completed the appropriate declaration and submitted it to the Issuer; or
3. the person beneficially entitled to the interest on the Note is a company within the charge to Irish corporation tax or a pension scheme (being such a scheme as referred to in Section 265 of the Irish Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997) and on the date of purchase of the Note or, as applicable, Coupon has completed an appropriate declaration and submitted it to the Issuer or, in respect of Notes or Coupons purchased after 25th March, 2002 has provided the Issuer with the person's tax reference number (within the meaning of section 885 of the Irish Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997) or where, in the case of a pension scheme, there is no such number, with the number assigned by the Revenue Commissioners to the employer to whom that pension scheme relates; or
4. the person beneficially entitled to the interest on the Note is a body of persons or trust which is treated by the Irish Revenue Commissioners as a body or trust established for charitable purposes only and on the date of the purchase of the Note or, as applicable, Coupon has completed an appropriate declaration and submitted it to the Issuer or, in respect of Notes or Coupons purchased after 25th March, 2002 has provided the Issuer with the reference number assigned to that person by the Revenue Commissioners in recognition of the person's entitlement to exemption from tax under section 207 of the Irish Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 and known as the charity (CHY) number.

Deposit interest retention tax will not apply to interest or other returns paid in respect of Notes which are not listed on a stock exchange, issued to persons not resident in Ireland and not offered in Ireland, subject to certain specified conditions which are set out in the selling restrictions or below. These conditions require that:

- (i) the Dealers must undertake as a matter of contract with the Issuer that they will not knowingly make primary sales of the Notes to Irish residents or persons whose usual place of abode is Ireland (with a statement to that effect being included in the relevant offering documentation);
- (ii) the Notes are cleared through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other clearing system recognised for this purpose by the Irish Revenue Commissioners; and

- (iii) the minimum denomination in which the Notes issue is made will be £300,000 (Pounds sterling three hundred thousand) or its equivalent in any other currency.

Where deposit interest retention tax is withheld, annual interest withholding tax does not apply. However, any payments which are exempt from deposit interest retention tax may still be subject to annual interest withholding tax, unless such payments come within one of the available exemptions as set out in the following section.

Income Tax — Annual Interest Withholding Tax

Firstly, payments of interest in respect of the Notes will be made without the deduction of income tax where the stated maturity of the Notes is less than one year and the Notes are not rolled-over or issued consecutively to the Noteholder for the period so that the Notes have an aggregate maturity of one year or more.

Secondly, Notes quoted on a recognised stock exchange (the London Stock Exchange and the Irish Stock Exchange are recognised for this purpose) (thus excluding unlisted Notes), and which carry a right to interest (thus excluding Zero Coupon Notes) and are issued in bearer form, will constitute “quoted Eurobonds” within the meaning of Section 64 of the Irish Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 (“Section 64”). Under current practice of the Irish Revenue Commissioners such Notes will be regarded as bearer securities for the purposes of Section 64 notwithstanding whether they are represented by global Notes or definitive Notes. So long as Notes continue to be “quoted Eurobonds” and are held in a recognised clearing system (Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are both recognised clearing systems for the purpose of Section 64), payments of interest on such Notes may be made by any Paying Agent acting on behalf of the Issuer without withholding or deduction for or on account of Irish income tax.

If such Notes ceased to be held in a recognised clearing system for the purpose of Section 64, but still constitute “quoted Eurobonds”, then under current law and practice, payments of interest may, in such circumstances, be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of Irish income tax where:

- (a) the person by or through whom the payment is made is not in Ireland; or
- (b) the payment is made by or through a person in Ireland and the person who is the beneficial owner of the relevant Note and who is beneficially entitled to the interest is not resident in Ireland and has made a declaration in the prescribed form.

Thirdly, interest on the Notes paid by the Issuer in the ordinary course of its business as a bank, may be made without deduction in respect of income tax. This would not include the payment of interest on Dated and Undated Subordinated Notes.

Fourthly, Irish withholding tax on interest in respect of Notes may be avoided or reduced pursuant to the provisions of an appropriate double taxation treaty subject to an authorisation granted by the Irish Revenue Commissioners being obtained in respect of such avoidance or reduction.

In all other cases interest will be paid under deduction of Irish income tax calculated at the standard rate (which is currently 20 per cent).

Discount/Premium Payments

Notes may be issued at a discount or be redeemable at a premium whether or not periodic interest payments are due on the Notes. No Irish withholding tax will apply to the payment of such discount or premium, subject in the case of Notes not listed on a stock exchange to the comments in the section above relating to Deposit Interest Retention Tax.

Irish Source Income

Notwithstanding the immediately preceding paragraph, any interest, discount or premium on Notes issued in Ireland is Irish source income and, while the matter is not completely free from doubt, any interest, discount or premium on Notes issued in the United Kingdom is also likely to constitute Irish source income. Such income is within the charge to Irish tax, except for:

- (i) interest paid in the ordinary course of the Issuer’s business as a bank to a company resident in a Member State of the European Union (except for Ireland) or in a country with which Ireland has a double tax treaty, unless that interest income is connected with an Irish agency, branch or trade of such a company, or
- (ii) interest paid by the Issuer on Notes which are quoted Eurobonds (within the meaning of Section 64), to a person resident in a Member State of the European Union (except for Ireland) or in a country with which Ireland has a double tax treaty, unless that interest income is connected with an Irish agency, branch or trade of such a person.

Ireland operates a self-assessment system in respect of income and corporation taxes and any person, including a person who is neither resident nor ordinarily resident, with Irish source income chargeable to tax comes within its scope. However, in the absence of a withholding tax there is currently no mechanism to enable the Irish Revenue Commissioners to obtain payment of any liability from a non-resident person and for that reason it has been the practice of the Commissioners not to seek to collect the liability from such non-resident persons unless the recipient of the income has any other tax connection with Ireland such as a claim for repayment of Irish tax deducted at source or an Irish agency, branch, trustee or trade.

Any interest, discount or premium on Notes issued in London may, depending on the facts and circumstances, be either Irish or UK source income. The tax treatment of such income having an Irish source will be as outlined in the previous paragraph. Such income having a UK source will be chargeable to Irish taxes on income unless the beneficially entitled recipient is a person neither resident nor ordinarily resident in Ireland who does not have an enterprise, or an interest in an enterprise, which carries on business in Ireland through a branch or agency or a permanent representative, to which or to whom the Notes are attributable.

Capital Gains

A holder of a Note will be subject to Irish taxes on capital gains on a disposal (including redemption) of a Note unless such holder is a person neither resident nor ordinarily resident in Ireland who does not have an enterprise, or an interest in an enterprise, which carries on business in Ireland through a branch or agency or a permanent representative, to which or to whom the Notes are attributable.

Stamp Duty

Irish stamp duty will not be payable on the issue or transfer by delivery of global Notes or definitive Notes.

In the case of the transfer of a Note by an instrument in writing, no stamp duty will apply provided that the relevant Note:

- (a) does not carry a right of conversion into stocks or marketable securities (other than loan capital (within the meaning of section 85 of the Stamp Duties Consolidation Act, 1999)) of a company having a register in Ireland or into loan capital having such a right;
- (b) does not carry rights of the same kind as shares in the capital of a company, including rights such as voting rights, a share in the profits or a share in the surplus upon liquidation;
- (c) is redeemable within 30 years of the date of issue and not thereafter;
- (d) is issued for a price which is not less than 90 per cent. of its nominal value; and
- (e) does not carry a right to a sum in respect of payment or interest which is related to certain movements in an index of indices specified in any instrument or other document relating to the Note.

Where the above exemption or another exemption does not apply, the instrument of transfer (whether executed in Ireland or elsewhere) is liable to Irish stamp duty at the rate of one per cent. of the consideration paid in respect of the transfer (or if greater, the market value thereof) which must be paid in Euro or Irish pounds by the transferee (assuming an arm's length transfer) within thirty days of the date on which such transfer instrument is executed, after which penalties and interest will apply.

Capital Acquisitions Tax

So long as the Notes continue to be in bearer form, a gift or bequest of Notes may give rise to a liability to Irish gift tax in the hands of the donee or successor, if either the Notes which are the subject of the disposition are located in Ireland, or if either the donor or donee are resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland.

United Kingdom

Withholding tax

Payments of interest on the Notes may be made without withholding on account of United Kingdom withholding tax.

However, Noteholders who are individuals may wish to note that the Inland Revenue has power to obtain information (including the name and address of the beneficial owner of the interest) from any person in the United Kingdom who either pays interest to or receives interest for the benefit of an individual, or who either pays amounts payable on the redemption of Notes to or receives such amounts for the benefit of an individual. Information so obtained may, in certain circumstances, be exchanged by the Inland Revenue with the tax authorities of other jurisdictions.

Proposed EU Directive on the Taxation of Savings Income

On 3rd June, 2003, the European Council of Economics and Finance Ministers agreed on proposals under which Member States will be required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State, except that, for a transitional period, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria will instead be required to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). The proposals are anticipated to take effect from 1st January, 2005.

SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

The Dealers have, in an amended and restated programme agreement (the “Programme Agreement”) dated 2nd July, 2003, agreed with the Issuer a basis upon which they or any of them may from time to time agree to purchase Notes. Any such agreement will extend to those matters stated under “Form of the Notes” and “Terms and Conditions of the Notes”. In the Programme Agreement, the Issuer has agreed to reimburse the Dealers for certain of their expenses in connection with the establishment and any future update of the Programme and the issue of Notes under the Programme and to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities incurred by them in connection therewith.

United States

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

The Notes are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and regulations thereunder.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it will not offer, sell or deliver Notes (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution, as determined and certified by the relevant Dealer or, in the case of an issue of Notes on a syndicated basis, the relevant lead manager, of all Notes of the Tranche of which such Notes are a part, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Each Dealer has further agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will send to each dealer to which it sells any Notes during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of any Series of Notes, an offer or sale of such Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

Each issuance of Index Linked Notes or Dual Currency Notes shall be subject to such additional U.S. selling restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree as a term of the issuance and purchase of such Notes, which additional selling restrictions shall be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

United Kingdom

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (i) in relation to Notes which have a maturity of one year or more and which are to be admitted to the UKLA Official List, it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes to persons in the United Kingdom prior to admission of such Notes to listing in accordance with Part VI of the FSMA except to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses or otherwise in circumstances which have not resulted and will not result in an offer to the public in the United Kingdom within the meaning of the Public Offers of Securities Regulations 1995 (as amended) or the FSMA;
- (ii) in relation to Notes which have a maturity of one year or more and which are not to be admitted to the UKLA Official List, it has not offered or sold and, prior to the expiry of the period of six months from the issue date of such Notes, will not offer or sell any such Notes to persons in the United Kingdom except to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses or otherwise in circumstances which have not resulted and will not result in an offer to the public in the United Kingdom within the meaning of the Public Offers of Securities Regulations 1995 (as amended);
- (iii) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of

Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA would not, if the Issuer was not an authorised person, apply to the Issuer; and

- (iv) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

Ireland

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that:

- (a) other than in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2001 of Ireland and/or the European Communities (Transferable Securities and Stock Exchange) Regulations 1992 (i) prior to application for listing of Notes being made and the Committee of the Irish Stock Exchange having approved this Offering Circular in accordance with the European Communities (Stock Exchange) Regulations, 1984 (as amended) of Ireland (the “1984 Stock Exchange Regulations”), it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, in Ireland or elsewhere, by means of any document, any Notes, (ii) subsequent to application for listing of any Notes being made and the Irish Stock Exchange approving this Offering Circular in accordance with the 1984 Stock Exchange Regulations, it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, in Ireland or elsewhere, any Notes by means of any document other than this Offering Circular (or any document, approved as aforesaid, which sets out listing particulars in relation to Notes prepared in accordance with the 1984 Stock Exchange Regulations) and only where this Offering Circular (or such other listing particulars as aforesaid) is accompanied by an application form or an application form is issued which indicates where this Offering Circular (or such other listing particulars as aforesaid) can be obtained or inspected and (iii) it has not issued and will not issue at any time, in Ireland or elsewhere, any application form for any Notes unless the application form is accompanied by this Offering Circular (or a document which sets out listing particulars in relation to Notes prepared in accordance with the 1984 Stock Exchange Regulations and approved by the Irish Stock Exchange) or the application form indicates where this Offering Circular or such listing particulars can be obtained or inspected.
- (b) it has not made and will not make at any time any offer of any Notes in Ireland to which the European Communities (Transferable Securities and Stock Exchange) Regulations, 1992 would apply;
- (c) it will not sell any Notes pursuant to this Offering Circular and it will not take any proceedings on applications made pursuant to this Offering Circular until the fourth Business Day in Ireland after the date of this Offering Circular;
- (d) it will not underwrite the issue of, or place any Notes otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of the Investment Intermediaries Act, 1995 of Ireland, including, without limitation, Sections 9, 23 (including any advertising restrictions made thereunder) and 50 and any codes of conduct made under Section 37;
- (e) it will not knowingly sell or offer for sale any Notes that are not listed on a stock exchange (“Unlisted Notes”) in Ireland or to any person, including any body corporate, resident in Ireland or having its usual place of abode in Ireland (an “Irish Person”);
- (f) it will not knowingly issue or distribute, or knowingly cause to be issued or distributed, any documentation offering for subscription or sale any Unlisted Notes in Ireland or to any Irish Person; and
- (g) in connection with offers for sale of Unlisted Notes, it will not offer, sell or deliver any such Unlisted Notes to any person in an aggregate principal amount of less than £300,000 (Pounds sterling three hundred thousand), or its equivalent in any other currency, notwithstanding that the denominations in which transfers of the Unlisted Notes may subsequently be carried out (as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement) may be less than this amount. In addition, such Unlisted Notes must be cleared through Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other clearing system recognised for this purpose by the Irish Revenue Commissioners.

Japan

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan (the “Securities and Exchange Law”) and each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will not offer or sell any Notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organised under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or

resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Securities and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws and regulations of Japan.

France

Each of the Dealers and the Issuer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that, it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, Notes to the public in the Republic of France, and has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in the Republic of France, this Offering Circular or any other offering material relating to Notes, and that such offers, sales and distributions have been and shall only be made in the Republic of France to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) acting for their own account, as defined in, and in accordance with Articles L.411-1 and L.411-2 of the *Code Monétaire et Financier* and *décret* no. 98-880 dated 1st October, 1998.

The Netherlands

Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that it has not, directly or indirectly, offered or sold and will not, directly or indirectly, offer or sell in The Netherlands any Notes with a denomination of less than €50,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent) other than to persons who trade or invest in securities in the conduct of a profession or business (which include banks, stockbrokers, insurance companies, pension funds, other institutional investors and finance companies and treasury departments of large enterprises) unless one of the other exemptions from or exceptions to the prohibition contained in article 3 of the Dutch Securities Transactions Supervision Act 1995 ("*Wet toezicht effectenverkeer 1995*") is applicable and the conditions attached to such exemption or exception are complied with.

Germany

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that Notes have not been and will not be offered, sold or publicly promoted or advertised by it in the Federal Republic of Germany other than in compliance with the German Securities Selling Prospectus Act (*Wertpapier-Verkaufsprospektgesetz*) of 13th December, 1990, as amended, or any other laws applicable in the Federal Republic of Germany governing the issue, offering and sale of securities.

General

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will (to the best of its knowledge and belief) comply with all applicable securities laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses or distributes this Offering Circular and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and neither the Issuer, the Trustee nor any of the other Dealers shall have any responsibility therefor.

None of the Issuer, the Trustee and the Dealers represents that Notes may at any time lawfully be sold in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or pursuant to any exemption available thereunder, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating such sale.

With regard to each Tranche, the relevant Dealer will be required to comply with such other restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer shall agree and as shall be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Authorisation

The establishment, update and increase in the size of the Programme and the issue of Notes have been duly authorised by resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Issuer dated 25th May, 2001 and 13th August, 2001 and the resolutions of the Committee of the Board of Directors dated 14th August, 2002 and 1st July, 2003.

Listing of Notes on the UKLA Official List

Upon the admission of Notes to the UKLA Official List, the listing of the Notes will be expressed as a percentage of their nominal amount (excluding accrued interest). It is expected that each Tranche of Notes which is to be admitted to the UKLA Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities will be admitted separately as and when issued, subject only to the issue of a Global Note or Notes initially representing the Notes of such Tranche. The listing of the Programme in respect of Notes is expected to be granted on or about 7th July, 2003.

Listing of Notes on the Irish Stock Exchange

The listing of Notes on the Irish Stock Exchange will be expressed at their nominal amount (excluding accrued interest). It is expected that each Tranche of Notes which is to be admitted to the Irish Official List will be admitted separately as and when issued, subject only to the issue of a temporary global Note initially representing the Notes of such Tranche. The listing of the Programme in respect of Notes is expected to be granted on or about 7th July, 2003.

Documents Available

So long as Notes are capable of being issued under the Programme, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available from the registered office of the Issuer and from the specified offices of the Paying Agents for the time being in London and Dublin:

- (i) the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Issuer;
- (ii) the consolidated audited financial statements of the Issuer in respect of the financial years ended 30th September, 2001 and 2002;
- (iii) the most recently published audited annual financial statements of the Issuer and the most recently published unaudited interim financial statements (if any) of the Issuer. The Issuer currently prepares audited consolidated accounts and an audited non-consolidated balance sheet on an annual basis and unaudited consolidated interim accounts on a semi-annual basis;
- (iv) the Programme Agreement, the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed (which contains the forms of the Global Notes, the Notes in definitive form, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Talons);
- (v) a copy of this Offering Circular;
- (vi) any future offering circulars, prospectuses, information memoranda and supplements including Pricing Supplements (save that a Pricing Supplement relating to an unlisted Note will only be available for inspection by a holder of such Note and such holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, as to its holding of Notes and identity) to this Offering Circular and any other documents incorporated herein or therein by reference; and
- (vii) in the case of each issue of listed Notes subscribed pursuant to a subscription agreement, the subscription agreement (or equivalent document).

Clearing Systems

The Notes have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The appropriate Common Code and ISIN for each Tranche of Notes allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. If the Notes are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system the appropriate information will be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Significant or Material Change

Save as disclosed on page 43 of this Offering Circular, there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer or the Group since 31st March, 2003 and there has been no material adverse change in the financial position or prospects of the Issuer or the Group since 30th September, 2002.

Litigation

Neither the Issuer nor any other member of the Group is or has been involved in any legal or arbitration proceedings (including any proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware) which may have or have had in the 12 months preceding the date of this document a significant effect on the financial position of the Issuer or the Group.

Auditors

The auditors of the Issuer are Ernst & Young, Registered Auditors who have audited the Issuer's accounts, without qualification, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Ireland for each of the three financial years ended on 30th September, 2002.

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