

The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland
(“Bank of Ireland” or the “Bank”)

Following announcement on 30 November 2009 by Bank of Ireland that its Court of Directors (the “Court”) would be recommending to stockholders that they approve the Bank's participation in the National Asset Management Agency (NAMA), the Bank announces that a Circular, containing a Notice convening an Extraordinary General Court (EGC), has been published and has been posted to Stockholders today, 18 December 2009.

The Circular and Notice of the EGC are available today on the Bank’s website www.Bankofireland.com/investor.

The EGC is to be held on 12 January 2010 at 11.00am at the O’Reilly Hall, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland.

The purpose of the EGC is to consider and, if thought fit, pass four Resolutions. The first Resolution will be proposed as a Special Resolution and concerns the approval required to enable Bank of Ireland make application to participate in the NAMA programme.

The second, third and fourth Resolutions, which will also be proposed as Special Resolutions, are not related to NAMA, and seek approval for amendments to the Bank’s Bye-laws and consequential authorisation.

Copies of the Circular and Notice of the EGC have been submitted to the Irish Stock Exchange and UK Listing Authority and will be available shortly for inspection at:

Companies Announcements Office
The Irish Stock Exchange
28 Anglesea Street
Dublin 2

And

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