

In response to media speculation, Bank of Ireland states that it has received unsolicited approaches from a number of parties wishing to make an investment in the Group. No decision on these approaches has been made. Bank of Ireland will keep its stockholders informed as appropriate.

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