

Bank of Ireland Group plc (together with its subsidiaries the “Group” or “BOI”)

Credit Risk Transfer Transaction

1 December 2021

The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland has executed a Credit Risk Transfer (CRT) transaction which will improve the Group’s pro-forma June 2021 CET1 capital ratios by c.40bps.

The transaction will reduce the Group’s credit risk exposure on a reference portfolio of US\$2.85 billion (c.€2.5bn¹) of European and US Acquisition Finance (AF) loans, whereby the investors assume the credit risk for US\$456 million (c.€400m¹) of potential credit losses via a risk sharing structure. The transaction supports the refinancing of the Group’s existing AF CRT transaction and improves the CET1 ratio by a net c.40bps, for a net additional annual coupon of c.€7m.

The Group can add new loans to replenish repayments / redemptions in the reference portfolio for the first eighteen months and thereafter the coupon is scheduled to reduce over the life of the transaction, pro-rata with the amortisation of the reference portfolio. This transaction forms part of the range of balance sheet optimisation initiatives that the Group previously indicated were being progressed during H2 2021.

There is no customer impact from the transaction. No assets will be derecognised from the Group’s balance sheet and the reference portfolio of loan assets and related customer relationships will continue to be managed by the Group.

¹ converted at €1/US\$1.13

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