

Following the Capital Raising Announcement made by Bank of Ireland Group (the Bank) on 12 February 2009, 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, 4 March 2009.

The EGC is to be held on 27 March 2009 at 11.00am at the Savoy Cinema, O'Connell Street, Dublin 1.

The purpose of the EGC is to propose Resolutions for the issue and allotment of 3.5bn units of New Preference Stock of €0.01 nominal value at an issue price of &1.00 per unit and the grant of Warrants to the National Pensions Reserve Fund Commission to subscribe for up to 334,737,148 units of Ordinary Stock of €0.64 nominal value.

The Circular and Notice of EGC are available today on the Company's website www.bankofireland.com/investor.

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

Companies Announcements Office
The Irish Stock Exchange
28 Anglesea Street
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