The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland (Bank of Ireland) Sale of Bank of Ireland Securities Services

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Bank of Ireland announces the sale of Bank of Ireland Securities Services ("BoISS") to Northern Trust Corporation for total cash consideration of up to €60 million subject to certain conditions. The transaction is conditional, *inter alia*, upon the receipt of certain regulatory clearances and is expected to close in the coming months. The sale is expected to generate equity tier 1 capital of c.€40 million for the Bank.

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