

In conformity with Regulation 20 of the Transparency (Directive 2004/109/EC) Regulations 2007, the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland ("Bank of Ireland") announces that, as at 31 August 2009:

1. Bank of Ireland has in issue 1,004,216,989 units of Ordinary Stock, of nominal value €0.64 each, with voting rights (the "Ordinary Stock"). Bank of Ireland holds 22,008,690 units of Ordinary Stock in treasury which do not carry voting rights; and
2. Bank of Ireland has in issue 3,500,000,000 units of preference stock of €0.01 each (the "2009 Preference Stock") with certain voting rights exercisable in certain circumstances. Specifically, the 2009 Preference Stock carries voting rights only in respect of resolutions at a general court of the Bank of Ireland for the appointment or removal of directors and certain matters relating to a proposed change of control of the Bank of Ireland, in each case the voting rights attaching to the Preference Stock being equivalent to 25% of all votes capable of being cast by stockholders on a poll at a general court of the Bank of Ireland. The voting rights are more particularly set out in the Bye-Laws of the Bank of Ireland.

Bank of Ireland has in issue warrants which enable the holder to acquire 334,737,148 units of Ordinary Stock. The units of Ordinary Stock issued pursuant to the exercise of these warrants entitle a Government Preference Stockholder (currently the National Pensions Reserve Fund Commission) to exercise no more than 50 per cent. of the voting rights attaching to such units of Ordinary Stock, although this restriction does not apply to a holder of such Ordinary Stock that is not a Government Preference Stockholder.

The Ordinary Stock in issue figure of 1,004,216,989 should, therefore, be used by stockholders as the denominator for the calculations by which they will determine if they are required to notify their interest in, or a change in their interest in, Bank of Ireland, under the Transparency (Directive 2004/109/EC) Regulations 2007 and the Interim Transparency Rules of the Financial Regulator.

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