

The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland (“The Bank”)

2009 Preference Shares

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The Bank notes recent media reports regarding the 2009 preference shares. The Group continues to proactively formulate and assess a range of options in relation to the 2009 preference shares with our assessment of such options carefully taking into consideration our various stakeholders, including the regulatory authorities; such options could include the Bank facilitating a potential sale by the State of 2009 preference shares to private investors and some element of ordinary stock issuance to redeem a portion of the 2009 preference shares.

However, no firm conclusions have been reached and there is no certainty that any transaction will proceed.

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