STANDARD FORM TR-1

VOTING RIGHTS ATTACHED TO SHARES—ARTICLE 12(1) OF DIRECTIVE 2004/109/EC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS – ARTICLE 11(3) OF THE COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2007/14/EC

- Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: Bank of Ireland
- 2. Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):
 - [x] an acquisition or disposal of voting rights
 - [] an acquisition or disposal of financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached
 - [] an event changing the breakdown of voting rights
- 3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:

Harris Associates L.P.

- 4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):
- 5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached:

January 9, 2013

- 6. Date on which issuer notified: **January 11, 2013**
- 7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: **6%**
- 8. Notified details:

A) Voting rights attached to shares										
Class/type of	Situation previous to	Resulting situation after the triggering transaction								
shares (if possible	transaction									
using the ISIN	Number of Shares	Number of Voting	Number	Number of voting rights		% of voting rights				
CODE)		rights	of shares							
			Direct	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect			
Ordinary – ISIN	2,095,708,091	2,095,708,091			1,774,684,376		5.89%			
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SUBTOTAL A	2,095,708,091	2,095,708,091		1,774,684,376		5.89%				
(based on										
aggregate voting										
rights)										

Resulting situation after	er the triggering transaction	1			
Type of financial instrument	Expiration Date	Exercise/Conversion Period/ Date	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted	% of voting rights	
		SUBTOTAL B (in relation to all expiration	Nil	Nil	

Total (A+B)	Number of voting	% of voting rights	
	rights		
1,774,684,376	1,774,684,376	5.89%	

- 9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable:
- 10. In case of proxy voting: **N/A**
- 11. Additional information:

Done at Dublin on 14 January 2013

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