

**THE BANK OF IRELAND GROUP ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF AN INVITATION
FOR OFFERS TO SELL SECURITIES FOR CASH**

**NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ANY UNITED STATES OR ITALIAN PERSON OR TO ANY
PERSON RESIDENT AND/OR LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OR ITALY**

03 June 2009

BOI Capital Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) hereby announces the results of an invitation to holders of the following Securities to submit offers (“**Offers**”) to sell their holdings of the Securities listed below to the Company for cash (the “**Invitation**”).

€600,000,000 7.40 per cent. Guaranteed Step-up Callable Perpetual Preferred Securities
issued by Bank of Ireland UK Holdings plc
(the “**Series 1 Securities**”)

€600,000,000 Fixed Rate/Variable Rate Guaranteed Non-voting Non-cumulative Perpetual Preferred
Securities issued by BOI Capital Funding (No.1) LP
(the “**Series 2 Securities**”)

£350,000,000 6.25 per cent. Guaranteed Callable Perpetual Preferred Securities
issued by Bank of Ireland UK Holdings plc
(the “**Series 3 Securities**”)

£500,000,000 Fixed Rate/Floating Rate Guaranteed Non-voting Non-cumulative Perpetual Preferred
Securities issued by BOI Capital Funding (No. 4) LP
(the “**Series 4 Securities**”)

The Invitation by the Company to holders of the Securities constituted a separate Invitation with respect to each series of Securities. Undefined capitalised terms used in this announcement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Invitation for Offers. The Early Expiration Deadline for the Invitation expired at 4.00pm London time on 2 June 2009.

The Company is pleased to announce:

- that the Company has made an election to close the Invitation early, pursuant to the Early Expiration Option permitted in the Invitation for Offers. The Expiration Deadline is 4.00pm London time on 2 June 2009, and accordingly, the Settlement Date shall be 5 June 2009;
- that all of the Series 2 Securities, the Series 3 Securities and the Series 4 Securities tendered at the applicable purchase price have been accepted in full, 50% of the Series 1 Securities tendered at the applicable purchase price have been accepted;
- that the Series 1 Securities accepted for purchase will be prorated by a factor of 0.5; and
- that the total aggregate principal amount of securities across all Series of Securities combined accepted for purchase is approximately €1,262 million and the Maximum Invitation Amount has been increased accordingly, as permitted in the Invitation for Offers.

The Company will pay accrued and unpaid interest or distributions for the period from (and including) the most recent interest payment or distribution payment date for the Securities accepted for purchase to (but not including) the Settlement Date (“**Accrued Interest**”).

	ISIN / Common Code	Outstanding Principal Amount	Aggregate amount accepted for purchase	Purchase Price ¹	Outstanding Principal Amount outstanding following settlement of the Invitation
Series 1 Securities	XS0125611482 / 012561148	€600,000,000	€24,000,000	€500 per €1,000 principal amount	€476,000,000
Series 2 Securities	XS0213178295 / 021317829	€600,000,000	€49,684,000	€80 per €1,000 principal amount	€550,316,000
Series 3 Securities	XS0165122655 / 016512265	£350,000,000	£303,568,000	£420 per £1,000 principal amount	£46,432,000
Series 4 Securities	XS0268599999 / 026859999	£500,000,000	£462,710,000	£400 per £1,000 principal amount	£37,290,000

¹ Includes the Early Tender Amount of €30 per €1,000 or £30 per £1,000

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO PURCHASE ANY SECURITIES OR A SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO SELL ANY SECURITIES

For further information:

A complete description of the terms and conditions of the Invitation is set out in the Invitation for Offers. Further details about the transaction can be obtained from:

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A copy of the Invitation for Offers is available to eligible persons upon request from the Tender Agent.

The Invitation is subject to offer and distribution restrictions in, amongst other countries, the United States, the United Kingdom, Italy, Belgium and France as more fully set out in the Invitation for Offers and the distribution of this announcement in those jurisdictions is restricted by the laws of such jurisdictions.