## 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

- 1. 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):
  - [] 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
  - [x] 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: August 15, 2011
- 6. Date on which issuer notified: August 16, 2011
- 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 the		Resulting situation after the triggering transaction							
shares (if	Triggering trans	action								
possible using	Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of voting rights		% of voting rights				
the ISIN	Shares	Voting rights	shares							
CODE)			Direct	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect			
Ordinary –	1,517,228,387	1,517,228,387	1,592,570,243	1,592,570,243		5.29%				
ISIN										
IE0030606259										
SUBTOTAL	1,517,228,387	1,517,228,387	1,592,570,243	1,592,570,243		5.29%				
A (based on										
aggregate										
voting rights)										

B) Financial Instruments									
Resulting situation after the triggering transaction									
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 dates)	Nil	Nil					

Total (A+B)	number of voting	% of voting rights	
	rights		
1,592,570,243	1,592,570,243	5.29%	

- 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:

Bank of Ireland is making this notification on receipt of a notification from Harris Associates L.P. under the Transparency (Directive 2004/109/EC) Regulations 2007.

Done at Dublin on 16 August 2011.

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