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### **AIB GROUP PLC - STATEMENT ON STATE DIVESTMENT**

AIB Group plc notes the announcement by the Irish Department of Finance regarding the sell-down of 5% of the issued ordinary capital of the Group, which brings the State's shareholding to c. 12.5%.

Commenting on the share sale, AIB Group Chief Executive Officer Colin Hunt, said:

*"We very much welcome the decision and subsequent transaction undertaken by the Minister for Finance, which has led to a further divestment of the State's shareholding in AIB Group plc.*

*This well-supported transaction is another important milestone in the process of returning the State's investment in the Group and a normalisation of the share register. It will return a further c. €652 million to Irish taxpayers to whom AIB is deeply grateful, for their support during the financial crisis. This brings the total proceeds returned to the State to c. €18 billion.*

*2024 was the first year of our new strategic cycle and we made strong progress in each of our three focus areas: Customer First, Greening our business and Operational efficiency. Our business performance is underpinned by a supportive domestic economy, our leading customer franchise, competitive market positioning, growing loan book and resilient and diversifying income. We look forward to continuing to support our customers, generating shareholder value and delivering our 2024 Annual Financial Results on 5 March."*

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