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**AIB Group plc receives CCPC clearance for the acquisition of Ulster Bank's performing tracker mortgages**

AIB Group plc confirms and welcomes the receipt of competition clearance from the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) on 13 January 2023 for the acquisition of a circa €5.7 billion Ulster Bank performing tracker (and linked) mortgage portfolio.

In line with previous guidance, the Group expects a CET1 reduction of circa 60bps reflecting increased risk-weighted assets of circa €2.5 billion in relation to the portfolio. The acquisition was priced at 95.15% of par value and is expected to be enhancing to RoTE in 2023. The transaction and customer migration are expected to complete by H1 2023.

AIB Group plc Chief Executive, Colin Hunt, commented:

*"We set out our new medium-term targets in December 2022 and as we start the year we continue to make progress on the execution of our strategy. Receipt of CCPC approval is another important milestone in the Group's transformation and follows the acquisition of Ulster Bank's corporate and commercial loans which are in the process of migrating to AIB Group plc. We look forward to welcoming these new customers from Ulster Bank as well as the many more new customers we are pleased to welcome to the Group as the Irish banking landscape evolves. I would like to acknowledge the huge efforts and thank everyone who has worked on this significant transaction involving c. 47,000 customers and c. €5.7 billion of mortgages."*

AIB Group plc will issue its 2022 full year financial results on 8 March 2023.

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