

MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT

M/21/040 – AIB/ CERTAIN ASSETS OF ULSTER BANK

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

The proposed acquisition by Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. of certain assets of Ulster Bank Ireland DAC.

31 December 2021

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) has decided to carry out a full Phase 2 investigation into the proposed acquisition by Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c., of certain assets, consisting of a portfolio of performing commercial loans, of Ulster Bank Ireland DAC (the “Proposed Transaction”).

Following an extended preliminary investigation, the CCPC has determined that a full investigation is required in order to establish if the proposed transaction could lead to a substantial lessening of competition in the State. The CCPC will publish its Phase 1 determination no later than 60 working days after the date of the determination and after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information be removed from the published version.

Any parties who would like to send in submissions are invited to do so, via email to mergers@ccpc.ie, by 4.30pm on Friday 21 January 2022.