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Mr James Ferguson Operations Manager The Irish Stock Exchange 28 Anglesea Street Dublin 2

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## **REGULATORY NEWS SERVICE NUMBER: 402085**

Dear Mr Ferguson

We have received notification pursuant to section 67 of the Companies Act 1990 of the following interest in the issued share capital of Abbey plc.

Effective Date	Notification Date	Shareholder	No. Shares	% of Issued Share Capital
24.07.2007	26.07.2007	Bank of Ireland Asset Management	2,875,412	9.92%

Of this holding 9,417 units are registered in the name of Nortrust Nominees Limited, 23,934 units are registered in the name of BNY Custodial Nominees Limited and 2,842,061 are registered in the name of Bank of Ireland Nominees Limited, as registered owner only, on behalf of a range of clients who are each the beneficial owner of a portion of the shareholding.

Yours sincerely For and on behalf of ABBEY PLC

David J Dawson
Company Secretary