Mr James Ferguson

Via Email: announcements@ise.ie
Operations Manager
The Irish Stock Exchange
28 Anglesea Street
Dublin 2

1 August, 2012

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.

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| Effective Date | Notification Date | Shareholder | No. Shares | % of Issued Share Capital |
| 31 July, 2012 | 1 August, 2012 | Gallagher Holdings Limited | 11,098,081 | 51.6% |
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Yours sincerely
For and on behalf of
ABBEY PLC

David J Dawson

Company Secretary