

Abbey plc (“Abbey”)

Board Appointment

Abbey wish to announce the appointment of Mr Michael McNulty FCA, F Inst D, AITI as a non-executive Director of the Company and also as a member of the Audit and Remuneration Committees. Mr McNulty was formerly a Senior Audit Partner of Ernst & Young in Ireland, together with being the previous head of their Corporate Finance Division. The Board of Abbey plc is delighted that Mr McNulty has accepted this appointment.

Mr McNulty is, or has within the last 5 years been, a director of the following companies:

(i) is currently a director of:-

StayinFront Limited
University College Dublin Foundation Limited
McNulty & Sons Limited
Irish Payments Services Organisation Limited
Fogfree Mirror Limited

(ii) was previously a director of:-

Kavanagh Grain Limited
Manor Seeds Company Limited

There is no further information to be disclosed in respect of Mr McNulty as required by Schedule 2, Paragraph g, of the AIM and ESM rules for companies.

Charles H. Gallagher
Executive Chairman

7 December 2011