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## **DBRS Downgrades Certain Subordinated Notes Issued by Bank of Ireland to “D”**

**Industry: Fin.Svc.--Banks & Trusts**

DBRS Inc. (DBRS) today has downgraded the ratings of certain subordinated debt issued by The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland (Bank of Ireland or the Group) to “D” from “C”. Today’s downgrade follows the execution of the Group’s note exchange offer.

Almost all of these instruments have been extinguished. The default status for the exchanged or purchased and now-extinguished notes reflect DBRS’s view that bondholders were offered limited options, which is considered a default under DBRS policy, as discussed in DBRS’s press release dated 13 June 2011.

However, the holders of the Dated Subordinated Notes due Sept 2015 (ISIN CA062786AA67) issued by Bank of Ireland have until 8 August 2011 to tender their notes and vote on the extraordinary resolutions as put forth by the Bank of Ireland. As such, the rating of this security remains at “C”, Under Review with Negative Implications, where they were placed on 1 October 2010, pending the finalisation of the exchange results. Previously, DBRS maintained one rating on its website for all Dated Subordinated Debt issued by the Bank of Ireland. To reflect that this security remains outstanding, DBRS has individually listed this security on its website.

Moreover, holders of certain subordinated instruments of the Bank of Ireland rejected the proposed extraordinary resolutions included in the exchange offer; as such, the ratings of these instruments will remain at “C”, Under Review with Negative Implications, where they were placed on 1 October 2010. Similar to the aforementioned notes, to reflect the results of the exchange offer, DBRS today has individually listed each subordinate bond that remains outstanding on its website.

### Notes:

All figures are in EUR unless otherwise noted.

The principal applicable methodology is the Global Methodology for Rating Banks and Banking Organisations. Other methodologies used include the Enhanced Methodology for Bank Ratings – Intrinsic and Support Assessments. Both can be found on the DBRS website under Methodologies.



The sources of information used for this rating include the issuer. DBRS considers the information available to it for the purposes of providing this rating was of satisfactory quality.

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 Rating Committee Chair: Roger Lister  
 Initial Rating Date: 6 September 2005  
 Most Recent Rating Update: 13 June 2011

For additional information on this rating, please refer to the linking document below.

Issuer	Debt Rated	Rating Action	Rating	Trend	Latest Event
Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, The	Dated Subordinated Debt	Downgraded	D	--	Jul 22, 2011
Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, The	Primary Capital Notes	Downgraded	D	--	Jul 22, 2011
Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, The	Dated Subordinated Notes due Sept 2015 (ISIN CA062786AA67)	Under Review - Negative	C	--	Jul 22, 2011
Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, The	Dated Subordinated Notes due Sept. 2018 (ISIN CA062786AD07)	Under Review - Negative	C	--	Jul 22, 2011
Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, The	Floating Rate Subordinated Notes due 2017 (ISIN XS0223310862)	Under Review - Negative	C	--	Jul 22, 2011
Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, The	Subordinated Notes due 2020 (ISIN XS0487711656)	Under Review - Negative	C	--	Jul 22, 2011
Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, The	Subordinated Notes due 2020 (ISIN XS0487711573)	Under Review - Negative	C	--	Jul 22, 2011
Bank of Ireland UK Holdings plc	Perpetual Preferred Securities (ISIN XS0165122655)	Downgraded	D	--	Jul 22, 2011
Bank of Ireland UK Holdings plc	Perpetual Preferred Securities (ISIN XS0125611482)	Under Review - Negative	C	--	Jul 22, 2011
BOI Capital Funding (No 1) LP	Perpetual Preferred Securities	Downgraded	D	--	Jul 22, 2011

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BOI Capital Funding (No 2) LP	Perpetual Preferred Securities	Downgraded	D	--	Jul 22, 2011
BOI Capital Funding (No 3) LP	Perpetual Preferred Securities	Downgraded	D	--	Jul 22, 2011
BOI Capital Funding (No 4) LP	Perpetual Preferred Securities	Downgraded	D	--	Jul 22, 2011

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