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Via Email: announcements@ise.ie

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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
18.02.2008	19.02.2008	Bank of Ireland Asset Management	1,225,501	4.61%

Of this holding 55,641 units are registered in the name of Mellon Nominees Limited, 19,854 units are registered in the name of BNY Custodial Nominees Limited and 1,150,006 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