

Merrion Pharmaceuticals plc

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#### NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS

The Company was advised on 24 April 2009 that on 9 April 2009, Allied Irish Bank plc ('AIB'), increased its holding of shares in the Company. In total, 590,393 ordinary shares were purchased at a price of €3.50 per share, representing 3.5% of the Company's issued share capital. Following this purchase, AIB have a total interest of 1,187,019 ordinary shares in the Company, representing 7% of the Company's issued share capital.

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