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New CFO at KBC Bank Ireland plc.

The Board of Directors of KBC Bank Ireland has appointed Frank Jansen as the new Chief Financial Officer of KBC Bank Ireland. Frank is currently member of the Bulgarian country management team, Executive director of United Bulgarian Bank, responsible for SME and Corporate Banking. As of 1 January 2019, Frank will succeed Des McCarthy, the current CFO, who has informed the Board of his decision to leave KBC Bank Ireland to pursue new career opportunities.

The nomination of Frank Jansen has received approval from the Central Bank of Ireland and the European Central Bank.

Mr Luc Popelier, Chairman of KBC Bank Ireland, expressed his gratitude to Des McCarthy for his performance, and the effort he has put in over the past few years - in often challenging circumstances - as CFO of KBC Bank Ireland. Mr Luc Popelier wishes him all the best in his future career.

Mr Popelier added: *'I am delighted to welcome Frank Jansen as new CFO of KBC Bank Ireland. I believe that the bank will benefit from Frank Jansen's extensive knowledge and international experience in different domains of the banking metier, including his years as CFRO for CIBANK and CFO for KBC Group in Bulgaria.'*

Frank Jansen (born on 4 March 1960) graduated from University of Antwerp (Belgium) in 1984 with a master's degree in law. In 1985 he obtained a degree in Notary Public from the University of Louvain (Belgium) and in 1992 an Executive Master's Degree from the University of Antwerp.

He started his career in 1986 as a branch manager in KBC Belgium. After having spent several years as branch manager of different retail and corporate branches, he became Executive Director of CSOB Bank (Czech Republic), responsible for business architecture and program management in 1999. In 2001 he was promoted Deputy President Kredyt Bank Poland, responsible for credit risk management and consumer finance. Between 2003 and 2008 he was General Manager of KBC France. In 2008 he joined CIBANK (Bulgaria) as CFRO, responsible for Finance, Risk, Credits and Administration department. From 2011 till 2017 he was CFO for KBC Group in Bulgaria and Executive Director Corporate and SME Bank. Since July 2017 he has been Executive Director United Bulgarian Bank (UBB), responsible for SME and Corporate Banking, member of the country management team and chairman of the boards of UBB Interlease and UBB Insurance Broker. He is also president of the Belgian Bulgarian Luxemburg Business Club.

KBC Bank Ireland has been operating in Ireland for over 40 years and has been a member of the KBC group since 1978. Today, KBC Bank Ireland employs over 1,200 people and has retail banking hubs in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick, Kildare, Waterford, Wicklow and Kilkenny, servicing retail and micro SME customers in Ireland.

A photo of Frank Jansen is available from the KBC Group NV Press Office (pressofficekbc@kbc.be).

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