

BANK OF IRELAND ASSET MANAGEMENT  
Form SC 13D  
May 06, 2004

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. )\*

New Ireland Fund Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

common stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

645673104

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(CUSIP Number)

Keith Walsh  
Senior Compliance Manager  
Bank of Ireland Asset Management  
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011-353-1-6378119

Rosemary Mahon  
Director  
Bank of Ireland Asset Management (U.S.) Limited  
75 Holly Hill Lane  
Greenwich, CT 06830  
203-869-0111

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

March 9, 1995

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing  
of this Statement)

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S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a) [ X ]  
(b) [ ]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) [ ]

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Republic of Ireland

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 257,600
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 257,600

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

257,600

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12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*  
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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
5.1%

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
HC

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
BIAM Holdings

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
(a) [ X ]  
(b) [ ]

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*  
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ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) [ ]

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Republic of Ireland

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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
0  
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8 SHARED VOTING POWER  
257,600  
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9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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WITH 0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
257,600

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
257,600

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*  
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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
5.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
Bank of Ireland Asset Management Limited

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
(a) [ X ]  
(b) [ ]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*  
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Republic of Ireland

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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 248,600
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 248,600

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
248,600

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12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*  
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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
5.0%

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
Bank of Ireland Asset Management (U.S.) Limited

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
(a) [ X ]  
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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Republic of Ireland

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 9,000
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 9,000

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9,000

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.2%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Lifetime Investment For Opportunity Fund

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a) [ X ]  
(b) [ ]

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
ITEMS 2 (d) OR 2 (e) [ ]

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Republic of Ireland

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 11,451
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 11,451

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11,451

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.2%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
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Lifetime Exempt Investment For Growth Fund

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a) [ X ]  
(b) [ ]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) [ ]

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Republic of Ireland

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 12,300
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 12,300

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

12,300

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)



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0.3%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Lifetime Exempt Investment For Opportunity Fund

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a) [ X ]  
(b) [ ]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Republic of Ireland

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 2,100
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 2,100

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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2,100

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12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Less than 0.1%

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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Lifetime Investment for Growth Fund

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a) [ X ]  
(b) [ ]

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

PF

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) [ ]

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Republic of Ireland

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NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES 0  
BENEFICIALLY -----

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OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 8 SHARED VOTING POWER 64,493  
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9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0  
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10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 64,493

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
64,493

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12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*  
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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
1.3%

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
Lifetime Equity Fund

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
(a) [ X ]  
(b) [ ]

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*  
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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Republic of Ireland

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER	0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER	2,508
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	2,508

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,508

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
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Bank of Ireland Global Funds Limited - International Equity Share

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a) [ X ]  
(b) [ ]

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 50,748
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 50,748

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

50,748

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

1.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

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BIAM Equity Mutual Fund

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a) [ X ]  
(b) [ ]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) [ ]

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Republic of Ireland

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 105,000
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 105,000

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

105,000

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

2.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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Item 1

(a) The name of the issuer is The New Ireland Fund, Inc

(b) The address of the issuers principal executive office is;

The New Ireland Fund, Inc.  
c/o PFPC Inc.  
99 High Street  
27th Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

This filing relates to the common stock, of The New Ireland Fund Inc, a closed end investment company (the "Issuer").

The information presented on the cover sheets for each filing person is based upon ownership as of March 9, 1995. The percent of class is based upon 5,009,000 shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of March 9, 1995.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

The following information relates to the structure of the reporting entities as of April 29, 2004.

This statement is filed by The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland (the "Bank of Ireland"), BIAM Holding("BIAMH"), Bank of Ireland Asset Management Limited ("BIAML"),Bank of Ireland Asset Management (U.S.) Limited ("BIAMUS"), Lifetime Investment for Opportunity Fund ("LIOF"), Lifetime Exempt Investment for Opportunity Fund ("LEIOF"),Lifetime Investment for Growth Fund ("LIGF"), Lifetime Exempt Investment for Growth Fund ("LEIGF"), Lifetime Equity Fund ("LEF"), Bank of Ireland Global Funds International Equity Share ("BIGFIES") and BIAM Equity Mutual Fund (BIAMEMF)(collectively, the "Reporting Persons").

The principal business address of Bank of Ireland, LIOF, LEIOF, LIGF, LEIGF and LEF is Bank of Ireland, Head Office, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.

The principal business address of BIAMH, BIAML and BIAMEMF is 40 Mespil Road, Dublin 4, Ireland.

The principal business address of BIGFIES is, P.O. Box 309, Ugland House, South Church Street, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.

The principal business address of BIAMUS is 75 Holly Hill Lane, Greenwich CT, 06830.

Bank of Ireland, BIAML, BIAMH and BIAMUS are Irish corporations. LIOF, LEIOF, LIGF, LEIGF and LEF are Irish unit linked funds, BIGFIES is a Cayman based commingled fund and BIAMEMF an Irish based commingled unit trust. These funds are primarily for Irish retail and institutional investors.

The principal business of Bank of Ireland is the provision of financial services. Bank of Ireland is the sole shareholder of BIAMH. The principal business of BIAMH is to serve as a holding company. BIAMH is the sole

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shareholder of BIAML. The principal business of BIAML is to act as an Irish Investment Adviser to a range of discretionary clients, managing a number of accounts containing securities over which BIAML has voting and dispositive power. These clients are primarily Institutional clients. BIAMH is also the sole shareholder in BIAMUS. The principal business of BIAMUS is to act as a US registered Investment Adviser to a range of discretionary clients, managing a number of accounts containing securities over which BIAMUS has voting and dispositive power. These clients are primarily Institutional clients.

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The directors of Bank of Ireland are Michael Soden, Denis O'Brien, Laurence Crowley, Richard Burrows, Caroline Marland, Raymond MacSharry, Mary Redmond, Roy Bailie, Maurice Keane, Brian Goggin, Donal Greaney, John O'Donovan and Thomas Moran. The executive officers of Bank of Ireland are Michael Soden, John Collins, Des Crowley, Cyril Dunne, Brian Goggin, Roy Keenan, John O'Donovan and Jeff Warren. The principal occupation of each such person is to serve as an officer or director of Bank of Ireland, and the principal business address of each such person, other than Mr. Goggin, is c/o Bank of Ireland, Head Office, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2, Ireland. The principal business address of Mr. Goggin is c/o Bank of Ireland Asset Management Limited, 40 Mespil Road, Dublin 4, Ireland.

The directors and executive officers of BIAML are Denis Curran, Brian Goggin, Giles Kerr, Anthony Haslam, Fred Healy, Eugene Holland, Richard Kelly, Pat Lardner, Jim McMahon, Jane Neill, Leona Nicholson, John Nolan, Kevin O'Brien, Ronan O'Donoghue, Sean O'Dwyer, Chris Reilly, Ronan Smith, Des Sullivan and Peter Wood. The principal occupation of each such person is to serve as an officer or director of BIAML. The principal business address of each such person, other than Mr. Kerr and Mr. Curran is c/o BIAML, 40 Mespil Road, Dublin 4, Ireland. The principal business address of Mr. Curran is c/o Bank of Ireland Asset Management (U.S.) Limited, 75 Holly Hill Lane, Greenwich, CT 06830. The Principal business address for Mr Kerr is c/o Bank of Ireland, Head Office, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.

The directors and executive officers of BIAMH are Sean O'Dwyer, Peter Nugent and Brian Goggin, whose principal occupation is to serve as directors and executive officers of BIAMH. The principal business address of each such person, other than Mr Nugent is c/o BIAMH, 40 Mespil Road, Dublin 4 Ireland. The Principal business address for Mr Nugent is c/o Bank of Ireland, Head Office, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.

The directors and executive officers of BIAMUS are Denis Curran, Chris Reilly, Brian Goggin, Sean O'Dwyer, Michael McCarthy, Rosemary Mahon, Lelia Long and Stephen Holland. The principal business address for Mr Curran, Mr Holland, Ms Long and Ms Mahon is 75 Holly Hill Lane, Greenwich, CT 06830. The principal Business address for Mr O'Dwyer, Mr Reilly, Mr McCarthy and Mr Goggin is 40 Mespil Road, Dublin 4 Ireland.

LIOF, LEIOF, LIGF, LEIGF and LEF as Irish unit linked, commingled funds, do not have directors or executive officers. They are managed by BIAML on behalf of Bank of Ireland's, life assurance subsidiary Lifetime Assurance Company Limited. In March 2003, Bank of Ireland merged its two life assurance operations, New Ireland Assurance Company plc and Lifetime Assurance Company Limited. As a result of this merger, and by order of the High Court, the assets of Lifetime Assurance Company Limited were transferred to New Ireland Assurance Company plc. The directors and executive officers of New Ireland Assurance Company plc are Sean Casey, Brian Forrester, David Kennedy (Chairman), Tom Collins, David



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Swanton, Dermot Murray and John Murphy. The principal business address of these individuals is New Ireland Assurance Company plc, 11/12 Dawson Street, Dublin 2. The New Ireland Fund, Inc and New Ireland Assurance Company plc are unconnected entities. Any similarity in their name is coincidental.

BIAMEMF, as a Unit Trust, does not have any directors or executive officers. Its Trustees are Bank of Ireland Trustees and BIAML is its investment Manager.

The directors and executive officers of BIGFIES are Tim Phelan, Bank of Ireland Asset Management (Jersey) Limited, P.O. Box 416, Bank of Ireland House Francis Street, St. Helier, Jersey, JE2 4QE, Channel Islands. Jeremy Arnold, Bras De Fer, Trinity, Jersey, JE3 5FB, Channel Islands. Robin Runboll, Windsor House, St Lawrence, Jersey, JE3 1NL, Channel Islands.

None of the Reporting Persons nor any of the directors or executive directors of any of the Reporting Persons has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, Federal or State securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

The securities reported in Item 5 as beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons were acquired as follows: Accounts managed by BIAML purchased an aggregate of 248,600 shares of Common Stock for a total consideration of \$2,031,289 derived from the capital of the managed accounts. BIAMUS made a personal investment of 9,000 shares as seed capital for The New Ireland Fund Inc.

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### Item 4 Purpose of Transaction

Between 1990 and March 9, 1995, BIAML purchased in total 248,600 Shares of the Issuer (representing 5.0% beneficial ownership) for various non-US commingled funds

("Foreign Funds") managed by BIAML on a fully discretionary basis, to gain exposure for the investment portfolios of these Foreign Funds to Irish equities in a less expensive and more price-effective manner than could be provided by direct investment in the underlying equity securities owned by the Issuer (a closed-end country fund). Item 5 below details the aggregate holdings of these Foreign Funds as of March 9, 1995. In September 1997, the shares held by the Foreign Funds were sold to, and purchased by, the Bank of Ireland Smaller Equities Fund ("BIEUTSEF"), another Foreign Fund, where the Shares continue to be held. At the time of the original purchases, and currently, the Reporting Persons state that there were no, and continue to be no, plans or proposals that any of them had or have which relate to or would result in: (a) the acquisition by any person of additional Shares, or the disposition of Shares; (b) an extraordinary corporate transaction, such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation, involving the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries; (c) a sale or transfer of a material amount of assets of the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries; (d) any change in the prior or present board of directors or management of the Issuer, including no plans or proposals to change the number or term of directors or to fill any existing vacancies on the board; (e) any material change in the present capitalization or dividend policy of the Issuer; (f) any other material change in the Issuer's

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business or corporate structure, including no plans or proposals to change the investment policy of the Issuer for which a vote would have been or is required by Section 13 of the Investment Company Act of 1940; (g) change in the Issuer's charter, bylaws or instruments corresponding thereto or other actions which may impede the acquisition of control of the Issuer by any person; (h) causing a class of securities of the Issuer to be delisted from a national securities Exchange or to cease to be authorized to be quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system of a registered national securities association; (i) a class of equity securities of the Issuer becoming eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or (j) any action similar to any of the foregoing. Regarding (f) above, any vote presented to the Issuer's shareholders as required by Section 13 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 will be voted with respect to Shares held by the Foreign Funds and controlled by BIAML and the Shares owned by BIAMUS will be voted in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of such security. All investment in Shares by the Foreign Funds, and the Bank of Ireland EUT Smaller Equities Fund, were made with the intent to be passive investments and there was no intent, and there is no current intent, to exercise any control or influence over the Issuer.

### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a) and (b)

As of March 9, 1995, the Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own in the aggregate 257,600 shares of Common Stock, representing 5.1% of the outstanding Common Stock (the percentage of shares of Common Stock owned being based upon 5,009,000 shares of Common Stock outstanding at March 9, 1995. The transaction by The Reporting Persons may be deemed to have direct beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock as follows:

Name	Number of Shares	Percentage
BIAML	248,600	5.0%+
LIOF (Managed by BIAML)	11,451	0.2%*
LEIGF (Managed by BIAML)	12,300	0.3%*
LEIOF (Managed by BIAML)	2,100	less than 0.1%*
LIGF (Managed by BIAML)	64,493	1.3%*
LEF (Managed by BIAML)	2,508	0.1%*
BIGFIES (Managed by BIAML)	50,748	1.0%*
BIAMEMF (Managed by BIAML)	105,000	2.1%*
BIAMUS	9,000	0.2%+

\* Note - these holdings represent a 5.1% holding in aggregate. The total shares controlled by BIAML is actually 5.0% - the 0.1% is a rounding difference.

+ Note - these holdings represent a 5.2% holding in aggregate. The total shares controlled by the reporting entities is actually 5.1% - the 0.1% difference is a rounding difference.

BIAML has direct beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock in the accounts which it manages. In such capacity, BIAML has the right to vote and direct the disposition of shares of Common Stock held by such entities and, consequently, has beneficial ownership of such shares.

BIAMUS has direct beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock which it purchased to provide seed capital to the Issuer. In such capacity, BIAMUS has the right to vote and direct the disposition of shares of Common Stock held by such entities and, consequently, has beneficial ownership of such shares.

BIAMH as the controlling member of BIAML and BIAMUS, may be deemed to possess beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by BIAML and BIAMUS. Bank of Ireland, as the sole shareholder of BIAMH, may be deemed to

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possess beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by BIAMH, BIAML and BIAMUS as the sole shareholder of BIAMH.

LIOF, LEIGF, LEIOF, LIGF, LEF, BIGFIES and BIAMEMF have direct beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock which they purchased as a passive investment. In such capacity, LIOF, LEIGF, LEIOF, LIGF, LEF, BIGFIES and BIAMEMF have the right to vote and direct the disposition of shares of Common Stock held by such entities and, consequently, have beneficial ownership of such shares.

(c) Other than the transactions in Schedule 1, no Reporting Person nor any director or executive officer of any Reporting Person has effected any transactions in the Common Stock during either in the past 60 days or the 60 days prior to the effective date of this filing.

(d) No person other than the Reporting Persons has any right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds of the sale of, any of the Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons, except that the dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, shares of Common Stock in each respective account managed by BIAML will be delivered into each such respective account.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6:

BIAMUS is under common control with BIAML, the discretionary manager to the Foreign Funds. BIAMUS also is the investment adviser to the Issuer. Other than these relationships, there are no contracts, arrangements, or understandings among or between the Reporting Persons or otherwise with respect to the Shares of the Issuer, including without limitation, the transfer or voting of any of the securities, or the giving or withholding of proxies, except as follows. To avoid conflicts of interest associated with any matter put to a vote of shareholders of the Issuer, Shares owned the Foreign Funds and BIAMUS will be voted in the same proportion as all other Shares of the Issuer are voted.

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SIGNATURE.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, we certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: May 4, 2004

THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF IRELAND

By: /s/ Brian Goggin

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Brian Goggin  
Director

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Sean O'Dwyer  
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Bank of Ireland Asset Management (U.S.) Limited

By: /s/ Rosemary Mahon

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Rosemary Mahon  
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Keith Walsh  
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International Equity Share

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Lifetime Investment for Opportunity Fund

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SCHEDULE I  
REPORTING PERSONS TRANSACTIONS IN COMMON STOCK

The transactions below were market trades of common stock by BIAML on behalf of the following discretionary Foreign Fund clients.

Date		Number of Shares	Price Per Share (1)
February 23, 1995	Buy	13,000	\$9.75
By BIAML on behalf of;			
LIOF (6,500 Shares)			
LEIGF (4,100 Shares)			
LEIOF (1,400 Shares)			
LEF (1,000 Shares)			
March 8, 1995	Buy	38,400	\$9.25
by BIAML on behalf of LIGF			
March 9, 1995	Buy	11,900	\$9.25
By BIAML on behalf of;			
LIOF (3,000 Shares)			
LEIGF (8,200 Shares)			
LEIOF (700 Shares)			