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

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT
INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-05984

THE NEW IRELAND FUND, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Bank of Ireland Asset Management (U.S.) Limited
40 Mespil Road
DUBLIN 4, IRELAND

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

PNC Global Investment Servicing (U.S.) Inc.
99 High Street, 27th Floor
BOSTON, MA 02110

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 011 353 1 6378000

Date of fiscal year end: OCTOBER 31

Date of reporting period: JANUARY 31, 2009

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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule of Investments is attached herewith.

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FIRST QUARTER REPORT
JANUARY 31, 2009

INVESTMENT SUMMARY (UNAUDITED)

TOTAL RETURN (%)

	MARKET VALUE (A)		NET ASSET VALUE (A)	
	CUMULATIVE	AVERAGE ANNUAL (B)	CUMULATIVE	AVERAGE ANNUAL (B)
Current Quarter	(23.10)	(23.10)	(16.12)	(16.12)
One Year	(65.55)	(65.55)	(60.86)	(60.86)
Three Year	(59.31)	(25.90)	(54.32)	(22.99)
Five Year	(32.73)	(7.62)	(29.77)	(6.82)
Ten Year	(32.60)	(3.87)	(20.49)	(2.27)

PER SHARE INFORMATION AND RETURNS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Net Asset Value (\$)	19.75	20.06	13.28	11.04	16.29	20.74	24.36	32.55	30.00
Income Dividends (\$)	--	(0.13)	(0.01)	(0.03)	--	(0.09)	(0.03)	(0.16)	(0.00)
Capital Gains									
Other									
Distributions (\$)	(1.14)	(1.60)	(2.65)	(0.69)	--	--	--	(1.77)	(2.00)
Total									
Return (%) (a) (b)	(2.37)	12.86	(20.99)	(11.44)	47.55	28.14	17.51	45.97	20.00

NOTES

(a) Total Market Value returns reflect changes in share market prices and assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, at the price obtained under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan ("the Plan"). Total Net Asset Value returns reflect changes in share net asset value and assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, at the price obtained under the Plan. For more information with regard to the Plan, see the most recent annual report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

(b) Periods less than one year are not annualized.

PAST RESULTS ARE NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF FUTURE PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND.

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PORTFOLIO BY MARKET SECTOR AS OF JANUARY 31, 2009

(PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS)
(UNAUDITED)

Diversified Financial Services	4.65%
Financial	4.89%
Health Care Services	8.21%
Business Services	7.33%
Food and Beverages	9.30%
Food and Agriculture	4.31%
Agricultural Operations	2.33%
Construction and Building Materials	29.45%
Transportation	16.56%
Other Assets	12.97%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS BY ISSUER AS OF JANUARY 31, 2009 (UNAUDITED)

HOLDING -----	SECTOR -----	% OF NET ASSETS -----
CRH PLC	Construction and Building Materials	24.96%
Ryanair Holdings PLC	Transportation	11.60%
DCC PLC	Business Services	7.31%
Kerry Group PLC, Series A	Food and Beverages	5.00%
Elan Corp. PLC-Sponsored ADR	Health Care Services	4.95%
Aryzta AG	Food and Agriculture	4.31%
Ryanair Holdings PLC-Sponsored ADR	Transportation	3.38%
United Drug PLC	Health Care Services	3.26%
Allied Irish Banks PLC	Financial	3.22%
FBD Holdings PLC	Diversified Financial Services	2.44%

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THE NEW IRELAND FUND, INC.
PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (UNAUDITED)

January 31, 2009 -----	Shares -----	Value (U.S.) (Note A) -----
COMMON STOCKS (94.47%)		
COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (94.47%)		
AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS (2.33%)		
Origin Enterprises PLC(a) *	428,163	\$ 960,204

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BUSINESS SERVICES (7.33%)		
DCC PLC	202,501	3,010,242
Newcourt Group PLC*	155,655	8,976

		3,019,218

BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES (1.24%)		
CPL Resources PLC	220,495	299,517
Veris PLC*	500,000	211,446

		510,963

CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS (29.44%)		
CRH PLC	441,003	10,285,589
Grafton Group PLC-UTS	469,211	950,039
Kingspan Group PLC	260,706	896,705

		12,132,333

DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES (4.65%)		
Boundary Capital PLC(a)*	635,534	48,866
FBD Holdings PLC	98,198	1,006,720
IFG Group PLC	624,801	496,421
TVC Holdings PLC(a)*	815,973	365,982

		1,917,989

ENERGY (1.53%)		
Dragon Oil PLC*	277,156	628,657

FINANCIAL (4.89%)		
Allied Irish Banks PLC	849,471	1,328,081
Irish Life & Permanent PLC	324,867	686,920

		2,015,001

FOOD & AGRICULTURE (4.31%)		
Aryzta AG*	71,179	1,774,139

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THE NEW IRELAND FUND, INC.
PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

January 31, 2009	Shares	Value (U.S.) (Note A)
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COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)		
COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (CONTINUED)		
FOOD AND BEVERAGES (9.30%)		
C&C Group PLC	613,858	\$ 615,164
Fyffes PLC	552,258	173,390
Glanbia PLC	237,543	809,730

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Kerry Group PLC, Series A	109,675	2,059,025
Total Produce PLC	552,258	173,390

		3,830,699

HEALTH CARE SERVICES (8.21%)		
Elan Corp. PLC-Sponsored ADR*	282,000	2,038,860
United Drug PLC	452,235	1,344,524

		3,383,384

LEISURE AND HOTELS (2.03%)		
Paddy Power PLC	59,912	836,867

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT (0.03%)		
Blackrock International Land PLC*	218,009	11,175

TECHNOLOGY (2.21%)		
Norkom Group PLC(a)*	364,481	280,248
Norkom Group PLC*	818,699	629,494

		909,742

TELECOMMUNICATIONS (0.41%)		
Zamano PLC*	1,100,000	169,157

TRANSPORTATION (16.56%)		
Aer Lingus Group PLC(a)*	249,183	322,520
Aer Lingus Group PLC*	252,040	326,217
Ryanair Holdings PLC*	1,300,000	4,781,250
Ryanair Holdings PLC-Sponsored ADR*	57,996	1,393,064

		6,823,051

TOTAL COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (Cost \$65,758,281)		38,922,579

TOTAL COMMON STOCKS BEFORE FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT (Cost \$65,758,281)		\$ 38,922,579

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THE NEW IRELAND FUND, INC
PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

January 31, 2009	Face Value	Value (U.S.) (Note A)
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FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT (0.05%)		
British Pounds Sterling	L 600	\$ 865
Euro	E16,740	21,452

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TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT (Cost \$22,968)**	22,317

TOTAL INVESTMENTS (94.52%) (Cost \$65,781,249)	38,944,896
OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (5.48%)	2,257,394

NET ASSETS (100.00%)	\$41,202,290
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(a) Securities exempt from registration pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may only be resold, in transactions exempt from registration, to qualified institutional buyers. At January 31, 2009, these securities amounted to \$1,977,820 or 4.80% of net assets. These securities have been determined by the Advisor to be liquid.

* Non-income producing security.

** Foreign currency held on deposit at JPMorgan Chase & Co.

ADR - American Depositary Receipt traded in U.S. dollars.

UTS - Units

The summary of inputs used to value each Fund's net assets as of January 31, 2009 is as follows (See Note A - Security Valuation in the Notes to Portfolio Holdings):

VALUATION INPUTS	INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES
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Level 1 - Quoted Prices	\$38,922,579
AVERAGE	
Level 3 - Significant Unobservable Inputs	--

Total Market Value of Investments	\$38,922,579
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+ Investments in Securities exclude Foreign Currency on Deposit.

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NOTES TO PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (UNAUDITED)

A. VALUATION AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES:

SECURITY VALUATION: Securities listed on a stock exchange for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the closing prices on the date of valuation, or if no such closing prices are available, at the last bid price

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quoted on such day. If there are no such quotations available for the date of valuation, the last available closing price will be used. The value of securities and other assets for which no market quotations are readily available, or whose values have been materially affected by events occurring before the Fund's pricing time but after the close of the securities' primary markets, are valued by methods deemed by the Board of Directors to represent fair value. Short-term securities that mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost.

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 Fair Value Measurements ("FAS 157") effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. This standard clarifies the definition of fair value for financial reporting, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about the use of fair value measurements. FAS 157 became effective for the Fund as of November 1, 2008, the beginning of its current fiscal year. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FAS 157 are described as follows:

- Level 1 -- quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- Level 2 -- significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 -- significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's net assets as of January 31, 2009 is included with the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

CURRENCY TRANSLATION: The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate of such currencies against U.S. dollars by obtaining from FT-IDC each day the current 4:00pm London time spot rate and future rate (the future rates are quoted in 30-day increments) on foreign currency contracts. Net realized foreign currency gains and losses resulting from changes in exchange rates include foreign currency gains and losses between trade date and settlement date on investment securities transactions, foreign currency transactions and the difference between the amounts of interest and dividends recorded on the books of the Fund and the amount actually received. The portion of foreign currency gains and losses related to fluctuation in exchange rates between the initial purchase trade date and subsequent sale trade date is included in realized gains and losses on security transactions.

FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS: The Fund may enter into forward foreign currency contracts for non-trading purposes in order to protect investment securities and related receivables and payables against future changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Fluctuations in the value of such contracts are recorded as unrealized gains or losses; realized gains or losses include net gains or losses on contracts which have terminated by settlements or by entering into offsetting

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NOTES TO PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

commitments. Risks associated with such contracts include movement in the value of the foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar and the ability of the counterparty to perform. There were no such contracts open in the Fund as of January 31, 2009.

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS: Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from securities sold are recorded on the identified cost basis.

B. UNREALIZED APPRECIATION/(DEPRECIATION):

The aggregate cost of investments and the composition of unrealized appreciation and depreciation on investments and depreciation on assets and liabilities in foreign currencies on a tax basis as of January 31, 2009 were as follows:

TOTAL COST OF INVESTMENTS	GROSS UNREALIZED APPRECIATION ON INVESTMENTS	GROSS UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION ON INVESTMENTS	NET UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION ON INVESTMENTS	GROSS UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION ON FOREIGN CURRENCY	NET UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION
\$65,781,249	\$7,242,964	\$(34,078,666)	\$(26,835,702)	\$(326)	\$(26,836,028)

C. RISK FACTORS:

Investing in the fund may involve certain risks including, but not limited to, those described below.

The prices of securities held by the fund may decline in response to certain events, including those directly involving the companies whose securities are owned by the fund; conditions affecting the general economy; overall market changes; local, regional or global political, social or economic instability; and currency, interest rate and commodity price fluctuations. The growth-oriented, equity-type securities generally purchased by the fund may involve large price swings and potential for loss.

Investments in securities issued by entities based outside the United States may also be affected by currency controls; different accounting, auditing, financial reporting, and legal standards and practices in some countries; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. These risks may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries.

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ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) THE NEW IRELAND FUND, INC.

By (Signature and Title)* /S/ MICHAEL GREALY

Michael Grealy, President
(principal executive officer)

Date MARCH 24, 2009

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)* /S/ MICHAEL GREALY

Michael Grealy, President
(principal executive officer)

Date MARCH 24, 2009

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By (Signature and Title)* /S/ LELIA LONG

Lelia Long, Treasurer
(principal financial officer)

Date MARCH 24, 2009

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.