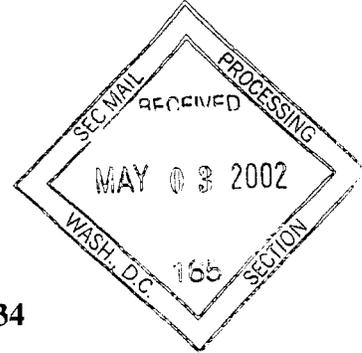


SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6 - K



Report of Foreign Issuer



Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For 26 April 2002

The Governor and Company of the  
Bank of Ireland  
Head Office  
Lower Baggot Street  
Dublin 2  
Ireland

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

# Dealings by Substantial Shareholders



London STOCK EXCHANGE

AVS No

479514

## Disclosure of interest in shares and notifications of dealings under the Stock Exchange requirements

All relevant boxes should be completed in typed block capital letters.

1. Name of Company <b>BANK OF IRELAND</b>		2. Name of Shareholder having a substantial interest <b>BANK OF IRELAND ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD</b>	
3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18  <b>As 2</b>		4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them  <b>BANK OF IRELAND NOMINEES LTD</b>	
5. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired  —	6. Percentage of issued Class  —	7. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed  —	8. Percentage of issued Class  —

9. Class of security  <b>ORDINARY STOCK</b>	10. Date of transaction  <b>26 APRIL 2002</b>	11. Date company informed  <b>26 APRIL 2002</b>
12. Total holding following this notification  <b>62,112,820</b>	13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification  <b>6.2%</b>	

14. Any additional information <b>HELD ON BEHALF OF A RANGE OF CLIENTS WHO ARE EACH THE BENEFICIAL OWNER OF A PORTION OF THE SHAREHOLDING. NO INDIVIDUAL BENEFICIAL OWNER HOLDS IN EXCESS OF 3%.</b>	15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries <b>TERENCE H. FORSYTH</b> <b>+ 353 1 6043402</b>
16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification  <b>TERENCE H. FORSYTH</b> 	
Date of notification <b>26 APRIL</b> <b>18 2002</b>	

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## SIGNATURES

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

**The Governor and Company  
of the Bank of Ireland**

  
p **Terence H. Forsyth**  
**Group Secretary**

Date: 26 April 2002