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The Board of Ulster Bank Ireland DAC (UBIDAC) has declared its intention to pay a dividend of EUR 1,500,000,000 on January 29th 2018 to its parent company NatWest Holdings Limited.

The required regulatory approvals for payment of the dividend have been received from the Joint Supervisory Team of the Central Bank of Ireland and the European Central Bank.

Post dividend UBIDAC will have a CET1 ratio in excess of 22%. UBIDAC remains in a strong capital position following payment of the dividend, significantly above regulatory capital minimums.

Ulster Bank Chief Executive Gerry Mallon said:

"I am pleased to confirm that Ulster Bank is paying a dividend of €1.5bn to RBS, the second one since November 2016. This is another important milestone for Ulster Bank as we continue to increase our strength and sustainability and work towards our ambition to become the number one bank for customer service, trust and advocacy.

The payment of this dividend is further evidence of our strong balance sheet and capital position. We look forward to making further payments in the future, with the permission of our regulator. "

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