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EBS to enter merger talks with Irish Nationwide

EBS confirmed today that it has commenced discussions with Irish Nationwide regarding a possible merger of both organisations. The Society said that it had agreed to engage in merger discussions in the best interests of its members, stakeholders and the wider financial services sector. Any such initiative would be subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Ireland.

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