NEW IRELAND FUND INC Form N-Q September 28, 2004

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

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THE NEW IRELAND FUND, INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Bank of Ireland Asset Management (U.S.) Limited 75 Holly Hill Lane GREENWICH, CT 06830

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

PFPC Inc. 99 High Street, 27th Floor BOSTON, MA 02110

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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 869-0111

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Date of fiscal year end: OCTOBER 31, 2004

Date of reporting period: JULY 31, 2004

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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.
The Schedule of Investments is attached herewith.

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

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July 31, 2004	Shares	Value (U.S.)
COMMON STOCKS (99.09%)		
COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (96.54%)		
BUSINESS SERVICES (5.06%) DCC PLC	250,000	\$ 4,349,266
COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SERVICES (0.63%)		
IONA Technologies PLC-ADR*	169,300	538,374
CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS (21.27%)	504 605	11 000 564
CRH PLC	504,637	11,300,564
Grafton Group PLC-UTS	380,820	3,071,869
Kingspan Group PLC	675 <b>,</b> 707	3,904,880
		18,277,313
DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES (3.99%)		
Irish Life & Permanent PLC	226 <b>,</b> 707	3,430,902
FINANCIAL (20.03%)		
Allied Irish Banks PLC	879 <b>,</b> 951	13,549,932
FBD Holdings PLC	202,314	3,665,815
		17,215,747
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (3.14%)		
IAWS Group PLC	227,619	2,702,051
FOOD AND BEVERAGES (14.86%)		
Fyffes PLC	467,400	973 <b>,</b> 516
Greencore Group PLC	352 <b>,</b> 568	1,209,751
Kerry Group PLC, Series A	511,857	10,587,170
		12,770,437
HEALTH CARE SERVICES (7.67%)		
ICON PLC-ADR*	71,646	2,647,320
United Drug PLC	1,129,687	3,944,248
		6,591,568
LEISURE AND HOTELS (7.23%)		
Jury's Doyle Hotel Group PLC	291,464	3,789,804
Paddy Power PLC	202,495	2,425,747
		6,215,551

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

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July 31, 2004	Shares	Value (U.S.)
COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (CONTINUED)		
PUBLISHING AND NEWS (1.95%) Independent News & Media PLC	732,313	\$ 1,675,168 
TECHNOLOGY (1.76%) Horizon Technology Group PLC*	1,321,900	1,511,925
TELECOMMUNICATIONS (3.20%) Eircom Group PLC-144Aa* Spectel PLC++	400,000	688 <b>,</b> 659
(8/4/00, 11/22/00,11/30/01-Cost \$2,699,475)	1,800,248	2,059,036
		2,747,695
TRANSPORTATION (4.10%) Ryanair Holdings PLC*	650,000	3,521,551
UTILITY/PUBLIC SERVICES (1.65%) NTR PLC+ (6/14/02-Cost \$918,234)	98,132	1,417,751
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (Cost \$43,764,668)		82,965,299
COMMON STOCKS OF UNITED KINGDOM COMPANIES (2.55%) (Cost U.S. \$2,166,754)		
PHARMACEUTICALS (2.55%) Warner Chilcott PLC	201,154	2,194,726
TOTAL INVESTMENT COMPANIES BEFORE FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT (Cost \$45,931,422)		\$ 85,160,025

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

July 31, 2004			Shares	Value	(U.S.)
FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT (0.69%)					
(Interest Bearing)					
British Pounds Sterling	(POUND	STERLING)	426	\$	775

Euro	(EURO)	493,707	594,398
TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT (Cost \$601,311) **			595,173
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (99.78%) (Cost \$46,532,733) OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (0.22%)			85,755,198 185,377
NET ASSETS (100.00%)			
			\$ 85,940,575 =======

- a Security exempt from registration pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- \* Non-income producing security.
- \*\* Foreign currency held on deposit at the Bank of Ireland.
- + Not readily marketable. Dates represent acquisition date.
- ++ Not readily marketable and non-income producing security. Dates represent acquisition date.

ADR -American Depository Receipt traded in U.S. dollars UTS -Units  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right)$ 

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#### ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- 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 has materially affected, or is 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/ DENIS CURRAN

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Denis Curran, President (principal executive officer)

Date AUGUST 19, 2004

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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/ DENIS CURRAN

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Denis Curran, President (principal executive officer)

Date AUGUST 19, 2004

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

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Lelia Long, Treasurer (principal financial officer)

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Date AUGUST 19, 2004

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