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On October 3, 2007, Fortis issued the following press release:

**Press release**  
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**Fortis welcomes approval from European Commission**

**Today Fortis received approval from the European Commission for the acquisition of**

**ABN AMRO. As part of the approval, the Commission has imposed remedies on Fortis**

**to address certain competition concerns in the Commercial Banking segment in the Netherlands.**

The remedies imposed by the Commission consist of a post-acquisition divestment package relating to specified parts of the Business Unit Netherlands of ABN AMRO (the Divestment ).

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A key element of the Divestment is the proposed sale of Hollandsche Bank Unie N.V. (an independent, separately licensed commercial bank), 13 advisory branches and two Corporate Client Departments and the sale of the Dutch factoring company IFN Finance B.V.

The scope of the Divestment represents around 10% of the part of Business Unit Netherlands to be acquired by Fortis in terms of assets, income and initially projected revenue and cost synergies. The corresponding projected restructuring charges, however, remain unchanged compared to what was presented on 29 May. The remedies imposed will not have any material effect on the post-acquisition planned integration of Fortis and ABN AMRO.

Most of the text of the European Commission's review will be available shortly on the website of the European Commission.

<http://ec.europa.eu/comm/competition/mergers/news.html>

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**Important Information**

This announcement is made pursuant to article 9b(1) of the Dutch Decree on the Supervision of the Securities Trade 1995.

In connection with the offer for ABN AMRO, RBS has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) a Registration Statement on Form F-4, which includes the U.S. offer document, and the Banks have filed with the SEC a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO and other relevant materials. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ ANY

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DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE OFFER BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors may obtain a copy of such documents without charge, at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). Copies of all documents filed in connection with the offer may also be obtained from each Bank, without charge.

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### Forward-Looking Statements

This announcement includes certain forward-looking statements. These statements are based on the current expectations of the Banks and are naturally subject to uncertainty and changes in certain circumstances. Forward-looking statements include any synergy statements and, without limitation, other statements typically containing words such as intends, expects, anticipates, targets, plans, estimates and words of similar meaning. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future. There are a number of factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, the presence of a competitive offer for ABN AMRO, whether the Banks and ABN AMRO enter into any definitive agreement with respect to the potential acquisition of ABN AMRO, satisfaction of any conditions to the offer, including the receipt of required regulatory and anti-trust approvals, the successful completion of the offer or any subsequent compulsory acquisition procedure, the anticipated benefits of the offer (including anticipated synergies) not being realized, the separation and integration of ABN AMRO and its assets among the Banks being materially delayed or more costly or difficult than expected, as well as additional factors, such as changes in economic conditions, changes in the regulatory environment, fluctuations in interest and exchange rates, the outcome of litigation and government actions. Other unknown or unpredictable factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. None of the Banks undertake any obligation to update publicly or revise forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except to the extent legally required.

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