

Press release

Brussels / Utrecht, 1 August 2008

Fortis CFO, CRO and General Counsel to report to CEO

Gilbert Mittler appointed special advisor to the CEO

As from today, the Fortis Chief Financial Officer, Lars Machenil, the Chief Risk Officer, Fred Bos, and the General Counsel, Jeannine Quaetaert, will report directly to the Fortis CEO Herman Verwilt. This further strengthens the authority of these key control functions.

Gilbert Mittler, formerly at Group Executive Committee level responsible for these departments, will from now on fully devote his time to the role of special advisor to the CEO, working alongside Herman Verwilt to implement the strategic priorities for Fortis.

‘Gilbert has played for over 20 years a first hand role in the growth of this company,’ says Fortis CEO Herman Verwilt. ‘Therefore this new assignment is a recognition of his extensive experience and commitment. I’m therefore happy that Gilbert, whom I have known for a long time, has accepted to take up this important new function.’

Fortis

Rue Royale 20
1000 Brussels
Belgium

Archimedeslaan 6
3584 BA Utrecht
The Netherlands

www.fortis.com

Fortis is an international provider of banking and insurance services to personal, business and institutional customers. We deliver a total package of financial products and services through our own high-performance channels and via intermediaries and other partners. Fortis ranks among Europe’s top 20 financial institutions. We have a presence in over 50 countries and a dedicated, professional workforce of more than 65,000. All this makes us a leader in financial services in Europe, a top 3 private banker and a top tier asset manager. More information is available at www.fortis.com.

Press Contacts:

Brussels: +32 (0)2 565 35 84 *Utrecht:* +31 (0)30 226 32 19

Investor Relations:

Brussels: +32 (0)2 565 53 78 *Utrecht:* +31 (0)30 226 65 66