

Press release

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Fortis publishes the shareholder circular in preparation of the upcoming General Meetings of Shareholders

Fortis published this morning the shareholder circular in preparation of the upcoming General Meetings of Shareholders of 1 December (in Utrecht for Fortis N.V.) and on 2 December (in Brussels for Fortis SA/NV). The document complements the set of documents at the disposal of shareholders for the General Meetings.

This document aims to provide comprehensive background information amongst others on the recently announced transactions that were concluded with the governments of Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg and with BNP Paribas.

The document will be available on the Fortis website :
<http://www.fortis.com/governance/shareholdersmeeting.asp>

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Fortis (Fortis SA/NV and Fortis N.V.) will, after the conclusion of the deal with BNP Paribas, include only (1) international insurance activities, (2) a 66% stake in a structured credit portfolio entity and (3) financial assets and liabilities of various financing vehicles.

The international insurance activities (Fortis Insurance International) are located in UK, France, Hong Kong, Luxembourg (Non-Life), Germany, Turkey, Russia, and Ukraine, and in joint ventures in Luxembourg (Life), Portugal, China, Malaysia, India and Thailand.

Fortis is therefore no longer involved in any banking activities, and once the deal with BNP Paribas is concluded, will contain only international insurance activities.

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