

Press announcement

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Fortis Bank Nederland announcement in relation to upcoming Fixed-Interest Payment Date of 8.75% Mandatory Convertible Securities due 2010 (ISIN:XS0328920862)

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**Fortis Bank
Nederland**

On 7 December 2007, Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V., Fortis Bank NV-SA, Fortis SA/NV and Fortis N.V. as joint and several co-obligors issued Mandatory Convertible Securities ('MCS') to a nominal amount of EUR 2 billion and a denomination of EUR 250,000 each. For regulatory purposes, the MCS is treated as part of Tier 1 capital of Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V.

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Under the terms and conditions of the MCS, as described in the prospectus, payment of the Coupon due on the Fixed-Interest Payment Date, being 7 June 2009, is at the discretion of the Issuers, since during twelve months prior to this date no Cash Dividends have been made, paid or declared in respect of Fortis Shares nor have Fortis Shares or depositary or other receipts representing Fortis Shares been redeemed, purchased or bought back by or on behalf of the Fortis Share Issuers.

Fortis Bank Nederland herewith gives notice to holders of MCS of its intention to pay the semi-annual Coupon on June 7, 2009.

Capitalised terms used and not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the terms and conditions of the MCS.

Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V. is the holding company in the Netherlands for a variety of businesses providing (inter)national banking and financial services and is present in over 20 countries. All ordinary shares in Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V. are owned by the Dutch State.

Fortis Bank Nederland

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