

Press Release

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Proposed capital increase for Fortis Bank Nederland approved

The Lower House of Parliament approves the proposed capital increase for Fortis Bank Nederland and ABN AMRO. Although DNB judges Fortis Bank Nederland's total assets to be adequate, its Tier 1 capital needs strengthening. Following the House's consent, an amount of EUR 1.35 billion in state loans to Fortis Bank Nederland will be converted into share capital.

Jan van Rutte, Chairman of the Management Board of Fortis Bank Nederland comments: "We are very pleased that the proposed capital increase has been approved. This marks an important step in the run-up to our integration with ABN AMRO."

For more information on Minister Bos's proposal regarding the capital increase, please go to the Ministry of Finance's website (www.minfin.nl) for its 19 November news release: "Government clears the way for integration of ABN AMRO and Fortis Bank Nederland."

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