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## **Press Release**

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### **International network strengthened by new representative office in Athens**

ABN AMRO Group has opened a representative office in Athens which is part of Fortis Bank Nederland's Energy, Commodities & Transportation network. Fortis Bank Nederland merges with ABN AMRO on 1 July.

The office will support the bank's shipping finance activities in the Greek market, bringing it close to local market activities and opportunities. The launch of the Greek representative office is part of a broader initiative by the bank to re-establish its global Energy, Commodities & Transportation (ECT) network. In October 2009 it opened a shipping finance desk in Singapore.

Harris Antoniou, CEO of ECT: "We are very pleased with this major step in re-establishing our international network. The Greek shipping market is one of the world's most important shipping markets and we are delighted to once again be on the ground here, close to our clients. Demand is strong for specialised shipping finance services in the Greek market."

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