

Press release

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Simplified legal structure

Fortis Bank Nederland announces that it has completed the simplification of the legal structure, effective today.

In its Annual Report 2008 and in the Interim Financial Statements 2009, Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V. announced its intention of simplifying its legal structure. After having obtained all necessary legal and regulatory approvals, on 1 September, by way of a legal merger in accordance with the Dutch Civil Code, Fortis Bank (Nederland) N.V. (the 'Disappearing Company') merged into Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V. (the 'Acquiring Company'). In the legal structure which was in place until 31 August, Fortis Bank (Nederland) N.V. was a subsidiary of Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V.

As a result of the legal merger, the Acquiring Company acquired all assets and liabilities of the Disappearing Company by universal succession of title. The transfer by universal succession of title implies that for the assets and liabilities there were no special transfer requirements nor was there a need for cooperation by third parties, other than execution of the notarial deed of merger. The Disappearing Company has ceased to exist.

The rating agencies - Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch Ratings - have indicated the merger will have no impact on Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V.'s credit ratings.

On 1 September, the effective date of the merger, Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V. changed its statutory name into Fortis Bank (Nederland) N.V.

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