



## Press Release

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## Ahold successfully places Euro 1.4 billion public notes

### *Refinancing existing debt in favorable climate*

Zaandam, The Netherlands; Washington DC, USA; December 7, 2001 – Ahold Finance U.S.A. Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Koninklijke Ahold N.V., the international food provider, has successfully placed Euro 1.4 billion in public notes under its Euro Medium Term Note program. The notes will be fully guaranteed by Koninklijke Ahold N.V.. The proceeds will be used to refinance short-term debt, including debt of Alliant Foodservice, acquired effective November 30, 2001.

The notes will be issued in two tranches:

Euro 600 million, maturing March 14, 2012, coupon 5.875%.

GBP 500 million, maturing March 14, 2017, coupon 6.5%.

The entire proceeds will be swapped into USD.

The notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and include notes in bearer form that are subject to U.S. Tax law requirements.

Accordingly, notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in certain transactions exempt from or not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

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