



Le 27 avril 2007 – Communiqué de Fortis, RBS et Santander

Fortis, RBS et Santander (ci-après « les Banques ») annoncent qu'elles ont informé hier soir le Conseil de Surveillance et le Directoire d'ABN AMRO de leur intention de lancer une offre publique d'acquisition (« l'Offre ») de 100% du capital d'ABN AMRO émis et en circulation, sur base entièrement diluée. Cette notification a été rendue nécessaire par les conditions du contrat qu'ABN AMRO a signé avec Bank of America pour la vente de la Banque LaSalle.

Selon le droit néerlandais, les Banques ne sont pas autorisées à donner des détails sur le prix indiqué dans leur note de ce jour envoyée à ABN AMRO durant la période de 7 jours mentionnée dans la section 9d(2) du *Besluit toezicht effectenverkeer 1995* ("le décret"). Les actionnaires d'ABN AMRO sont invités à se référer au communiqué de presse diffusé par les Banques le 25 avril.

Les Banques restent convaincues que leurs propositions offrent substantiellement plus de valeur aux actionnaires d'ABN AMRO et plus d'avantages à ses clients et ses employés que l'offre recommandée de Barclays. Les Banques ont invité le Conseil de Surveillance et le Directoire d'ABN AMRO à poursuivre des discussions sur leurs propositions le plus rapidement possible.

Cette annonce est faite en application de la section 9b(2)(b) et de la section 9d(2) du décret.

Important Information

In connection with a potential transaction involving ABN AMRO, the Banks may be required to file relevant documents with the SEC. Such documents, however, are not currently available. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ ANY DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL TRANSACTION IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors will be able to obtain a free copy of such documents without charge, at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>) once such documents are filed with the SEC. Copies of such documents may also be obtained from each Bank, without charge, once they are filed with the SEC.

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made in the United States except pursuant to registration under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or an exemption therefrom.

Forward-Looking Statements

This announcement includes certain "forward-looking statements". These statements are based on the current expectations of the Banks and are naturally subject to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements typically containing words such as "intends", "expects", "anticipates", "targets", "estimates" and words of similar import.

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