



Press release

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Fortis and UBS AG – Notification

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency, UBS AG sent a notification on 15 December 2009 advising that its interest has exceeded the statutory threshold of 3% of the shares issued by Fortis.

On 15 December 2009, UBS AG held 76,315,449 Fortis voting rights or an interest of 3.03%.

A copy of the notification form from UBS AG is attached to this press release.

The notifications received by Fortis are available on the Fortis website under "Investor relations – The share – Transparency requirements" (http://www.fortis.com/Shareholders/transparency_requirements.asp).

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Fortis consists of (1) a 75% ownership of AG Insurance, (2) Fortis Insurance International, (3) a 45% stake in Royal Park Investments - a structured credit portfolio entity - and (4) financial assets and liabilities of various financing vehicles. AG Insurance is the undisputed leader of the Belgian market for *Individual Life* and *Employee Benefits* and is also one of the top players in *Non-Life*. The international insurance activities (Fortis Insurance International) are located in the UK, where Fortis is the third largest player in the market for private car insurance, France, Hong Kong, Germany, Turkey, Russia, Ukraine and joint ventures in Luxembourg (Life), Portugal, with Millenniumbcp Fortis being a clear market leader, China, Malaysia, India and Thailand. Fortis currently employs over 10,000 people.

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