

Regulated information

Press release

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Fortis applies new transparency regulation

To ensure the transparency of the shareholder structure of listed companies, new transparency legislation in Belgium requires investors to notify the regulator and the company at which shares are held whenever they exceed specific shareholding thresholds. Likewise, companies are required to disclose the information their investors need in order to submit these notifications, and are also required to disclose the information received in these notifications themselves.

Under this new legislation, notifications made by investors to the Belgian regulator (CBFA – Banking, Finance and Insurance Commission) and to Fortis will be disclosed by Fortis as required.

In compliance with this new regulation, specific information on issued capital, voting rights attached to voting securities, statutory/legal thresholds and contact details are available on the Fortis website. The total number of voting rights (as per 1 September 2008), on which basis the percentage of participation that could lead to notification must be calculated is 2,516,595,497.

For more information please visit: www.fortis.com/shareholders/transparency_requirements.asp

More information on the transparency legislation can be found on the CBFA website: www.cbfa.be

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