

Utrecht, 19 March 2010.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS PLEASED TO INVITE THE SHAREHOLDERS OF FORTIS TO ATTEND THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF FORTIS N.V. TO BE HELD ON

Friday 9 April 2010 at 11.00 AM

at the Fortis Auditorium
Archimedeslaan 6
3584 BA Utrecht

Referring to past experience, we draw however your attention on the fact that this Meeting will not attain the required attendance quorum – i.e. that at least 50% of the capital must be represented – and that thus this Meeting will not be able to decide validly.

You will be informed on this matter on 3 April 2010 and will then be invited to the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Fortis N.V. to be held on Thursday 29 April 2010.

AGENDA

1. **Opening**
2. **Amendment to the Articles of Association**
3. **Closure**

Ä Attendance at the Meeting

As in previous years, this first Meeting will only establish formally that it has not attained the required quorum and is thus unable to decide validly. Holders of bearer shares who would like, nonetheless, to attend this first Meeting are invited:

- To block or to deposit their shares, by Friday 2 April 2010, at their bank or other financial institution (via their branch). The banks and other financial institutions should however communicate the instructions of their clients to the company through Fortis Bank in Amsterdam or Fortis Bank in Brussels. Holders of bearer shares can also deposit their shares at the registered office of the company.
- To send back a proxy to the company by the same date if they wish to be represented at the Meeting.
A proxy model can be obtained on simple demand at the company's registered office by the shareholders.

Ä Available documents

Beside the proxy mentioned above, is also available at the company's registered office to all shareholders and to any interested third party, an explanatory note to the second point of the agenda. All documents relating to the meeting can also be found on Internet: www.holding.fortis.com/en – Investor relations – General Meeting of Shareholders.

Ä Further information

Shareholders wishing to obtain information relating to the modalities of attendance to the Meeting, or have other queries, are invited to contact the Company:

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