

## PRESS RELEASE

### ■ SUSPENSION OF FORTIS SHARES

The Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF) has been informed by the Commission bancaire, financière et des assurances (CBFA), the competent authority of Belgium, of its decision to suspend the shares of FORTIS (BE0003801181) (and derivatives) from trading on Euronext Brussels from 9:00 a.m. as from 28 April 2009 to ensure an orderly progress of the general meetings and until the publication of a press release. The CSSF has therefore, in accordance with article 9 (3) of the law of 13 July 2007 on markets in financial instruments, demanded the suspension of the said financial instruments from trading on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange until the market has been duly informed of the outcome of the general meetings.

Luxembourg, 27 April 2009

