

VAN KAMPEN HIGH INCOME TRUST II  
Form N-23C-2  
October 31, 2008

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

NOTIFICATION OF REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO RULE 23C-2  
UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940

VAN KAMPEN HIGH INCOME TRUST II  
522 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10036

SECURITIES ACT FILE NO. 333-123443  
INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT FILE NO. 811-05769

The undersigned registered closed-end investment company hereby notifies the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") that it intends to redeem securities of which it is the issuer, as set forth below in accordance with the requirements of Rule 23c-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and states that it is filing this notice with the Commission pursuant to permission granted by the Commission staff fewer than 30 days prior to the date for the redemption.

(1) Title of the class of Securities to be redeemed:

Auction Preferred Shares, par value of \$0.01 per share, liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share ("APS"), Series A and Series B.

(2) Date on which the securities may be called or redeemed:

The APS will be redeemed for each series on the following dates:

Series A on November 24, 2008  
Series B on November 10, 2008

(3) Applicable provisions of the governing instrument pursuant to which the securities are to be redeemed:

APS are to be redeemed in accordance with Section 3 of the Certificate of Vote of Trustees Establishing Two Series of Preferred Shares.

(4) The principal amount or number of shares and the basis upon which the securities to be redeemed are to be selected:

Van Kampen High Income Trust II intends to redeem the following:

204 outstanding shares of Series A APS  
276 outstanding shares of Series B APS

Such redemption of each series of shares of outstanding APS shall be effected pro rata.

Please note that this notice serves only to disclose a proposed redemption of each of the APS series.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of Rule 23c-2, Van Kampen High Income

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Trust II has duly caused this Notification of Redemption of Securities pursuant to Rule 23c-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereto duly authorized in the State of New York on this 31st day of October, 2008.

Van Kampen High Income Trust II

By: /s/ Stefanie V. Chang Yu

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Name: Stefanie V. Chang Yu

Title: Vice President and Secretary