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ABN AMRO offer update 17 September

ABN AMRO notes the announcement of the Ministry of Finance today regarding the offer of the Consortium of Royal Bank of Scotland, Fortis and Santander for ABN AMRO. The Minister has decided to grant declarations of no objection to members of the Consortium.

The declarations are each subject to conditions. These conditions are included in the announcement of the Ministry of Finance on: www.minfin.nl. This decision is based on positive advice from De Nederlandsche Bank, the Dutch Central Bank, which is available on: www.dnb.nl.

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This announcement contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts, including statements about our beliefs and expectations. Any statement in this announcement that expresses or implies our intentions, beliefs, expectations or predictions (and the assumptions underlying them) is a forward-looking statement. These statements are based on plans, estimates and projections, as they are currently available to the management of ABN AMRO Holding N.V. ("ABN AMRO"). Forward-looking statements therefore speak only as of the date they are made, and we take no obligation to update publicly any of them in light of new information or future events.

Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. A number of important factors could therefore cause actual future results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward looking statement. Such factors include, without limitation, the outcome of the offers for our business by Barclays PLC ("Barclays") and the consortium of Banco Santander Central Hispano, S.A., Fortis SA/NV and the Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ("RBS" and collectively, the "Consortium"); the completion of our proposed disposition of LaSalle; the conditions in the financial markets in Europe, the United States, Brazil and elsewhere from which we derive a substantial portion of our trading revenues; potential defaults of borrowers or trading counterparties; the implementation of our restructuring including the envisaged reduction in headcount; the reliability of our risk management policies, procedures and methods; the outcome of ongoing criminal investigations and other regulatory initiatives related to

compliance matters in the United States and the nature and severity of any sanctions imposed; and other risks referenced in our filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). For more information on these and other factors, please refer to Part I: Item 3.D "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the SEC and to any subsequent reports furnished or filed by us with the SEC. The forward-looking statements contained in this announcement are made as of the date hereof, and the companies assume no obligation to update any of the forward-looking statements contained in this announcement.

Additional Information

Barclays has filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form F-4, which contains a prospectus, and a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO. RBS has filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form F-4, which contains a prospectus, and RFS Holdings B.V., Fortis N.V., Fortis SA/NV, Fortis Nederland (Holding) N.V., RBS, Banco Santander Central Hispano, S.A. and Santander Holanda B.V. have filed with the SEC a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO. ABN AMRO has filed with the SEC Solicitation/Recommendation Statements on Schedule 14D-9 in respect of the offer by each of Barclays and the Consortium.

INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ ANY DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL TRANSACTIONS IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

Investors may obtain a free copy of such filings without charge at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). Copies of the prospectus contained in the Barclays Form F-4 may also be obtained, without charge, from Barclays and copies of the prospectus contained in the RBS Form F-4 may also be obtained, without charge, from RBS.

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