

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 today and 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. Resumption of the trading will be requested as soon as the market has been informed of the decisions taken by the General Meeting.

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