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**Joint statement ABN AMRO and Consortium of RBS, Santander and Fortis.**

ABN AMRO and the Consortium of RBS, Santander and Fortis have noted and discussed the recent media reports about the current offer situation.

The Consortium accepts the assurances by ABN AMRO that Mr Groenink was misquoted as having given advice how to vote to Fortis Shareholders which in fact he did not.

Furthermore ABN AMRO and the Consortium have agreed to continue the constructive dialogue to resolve any outstanding questions regarding the offer of the Consortium for ABN AMRO, and to maintain a level playing field.

Further meetings will be organised for the Consortium with the appropriate people within ABN AMRO to discuss specific business matters.

The Consortium and ABN AMRO both confirm that there is no dispute about the profitability of the Business Unit The Netherlands.

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### **Additional Information**

On July 30, 2007, ABN AMRO filed a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 with the US Securities and Exchange Commission in which it advised the ABN AMRO shareholders that the ABN AMRO Managing Board and the ABN AMRO Supervisory Board are not currently in a position to recommend either the offer launched by the Consortium or the potential offer by Barclays and that ABN AMRO will further engage with both parties with the aim of continuing to ensure a level playing field and minimizing any of the uncertainties currently associated with the offers and with a view to optimizing the attractive alternatives available to ABN AMRO's shareholders.

Barclays has filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission a Registration Statement on Form F-4 (as amended) which contains a prospectus. Barclays expects to file with the US Securities and Exchange Commission additional amendments to such Registration Statement as well as a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO and other relevant materials. In addition, ABN AMRO expects that it will file with the US Securities and Exchange Commission a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 in respect of the potential offer by Barclays and other relevant materials. Such documents, however, are not currently available.

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Investors will be able to obtain a free copy of such filings without charge, at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>) once such documents are filed with the SEC. Copies of such documents may also be obtained from Barclays and ABN AMRO, without charge, once they are filed with the SEC.

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