

# Press release

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## **Fortis confirms date of Extraordinary General Meetings of Shareholders**

### **No quorum reached for 26 July; 6 August confirmed**

Fortis announces today that based on the registrations received from its shareholders – and as expected – the requisite quorum of 50% of the issued and outstanding capital has not been reached for the Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) of Shareholders convened for 26 July.

Fortis therefore confirms that second EGMs have been convened for 6 August at which the 50% quorum will not be required and at which a resolution on an increase in the authorised share capital can be passed with a 75% majority.

### **How to cast your vote on 6 August 2007**

The following voting guidelines apply:

- Shareholders must register no later than 30 July.
- Holders of registered shares can register by advising the company in writing of their intention to attend the EGMs. All holders of bearer shares can register with their shares at their bank branch and indicate that they wish to cast their votes (either by attending the meetings in person or by completing a proxy form). If your shares are deposited in a securities account you can also notify your bank branch in writing.
- If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, you can appoint a proxy to represent you at the shareholders' meetings. This can be either a specific person you appoint or, if you so wish, a person appointed by Fortis on your behalf. To appoint a proxy, you must complete and sign the relevant form, which can be ordered from Fortis and is available at [www.fortis.com](http://www.fortis.com), under 'Investor Relations'.
- Each shareholder of Fortis is effectively a shareholder of both Fortis SA/NV in Belgium and of Fortis N.V. in the Netherlands, and is therefore entitled to vote at the shareholders' meetings of both parent companies (in Brussels and in Utrecht). Completing a proxy form enables a shareholder to cast a vote at both meetings.
- On 6 August, Fortis will hold the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders at
  - 9.15 am CET (Fortis SA/NV) at BOZAR/Palais des Beaux-Arts (Rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels);
  - 3.00 pm CET (Fortis N.V.) at Fortis's head office in the Netherlands (Archimedeslaan 6, 3584 Utrecht).

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