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The following is a letter from Shearman & Sterling, on behalf of the Banks, to the Board of Management and Supervisory Board of ABN AMRO Bank NV, dated May 5, 2007. The letter was posted on Fortis's website on May 14, 2007.

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Board of Management  
ABN AMRO Bank N.V.  
Gustav Mahlerlaan 10  
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Attn: Mr. Rijkman Groenink  
Dear Mr. Groenink and Mr. Martinez:

Supervisory Board  
ABN AMRO Bank N.V.  
Gustav Mahlerlaan 10  
1082 PP Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Attn: Mr. Arthur Martinez

The consortium (the Consortium) comprised of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (RBS), Banco Santander Central Hispano, S.A. (Santander), Fortis N.V. and Fortis SA/NV (Fortis) has received communication through your representatives at Davis Polk & Wardwell that the Board of Management of ABN AMRO Bank N.V. has indicated that it would specifically request elimination of two conditions from our proposal to acquire ABN AMRO North America Holding Company submitted this morning in order for the Board of Management to move forward with its consideration of our proposal as a Superior Proposal under the terms of the Bank of America Purchase and Sale Agreement. Specifically, the Board of Management requested the elimination of the following from our proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement (the LaSalle Purchase and Sale Agreement):

1. The elimination from the LaSalle Purchase and Sale Agreement of the condition relating to the Bank of America litigation.
2. The elimination from the LaSalle Purchase and Sale Agreement of the condition that subjects the LaSalle Purchase and Sale Agreement to a Fortis shareholder vote.

On behalf of the Consortium, we confirm that the Consortium has agreed to eliminate both conditions from the LaSalle Purchase and Sale Agreement.

Sincerely,

Creighton, O. M. Condon, Esq.

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