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SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS



BNP PARIBAS
FORTIS

FORTIS BANK NV/SA
(INCORPORATED AS A PUBLIC COMPANY WITH LIMITED LIABILITY (NAAMLOZE
VENNOOTSCHAP/SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME) UNDER THE LAWS OF BELGIUM, ENTERPRISE
NO. 0403.199.702, REGISTER OF LEGAL ENTITIES OF BRUSSELS)

AND

BNP PARIBAS FORTIS FUNDING
(INCORPORATED AS A SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME UNDER THE LAWS OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF
LUXEMBOURG REGISTERED WITH THE LUXEMBOURG REGISTRY OF COMMERCE AND
COMPANIES UNDER NO. B 24,784)

UNCONDITIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY GUARANTEED BY
FORTIS BANK NV/SA

EUR 30,000,000,000
Euro Medium Term Note Programme

This second supplement dated 30 October 2012 (the “**Second Supplement**”) is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, the base prospectus dated 13 June 2012 (the “**Base Prospectus**”) and with the first supplement to the Base Prospectus dated 28 June 2012 (the “**First Supplement**”) in relation to the EUR 30,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the “**Programme**”) prepared by FORTIS BANK NV/SA (“**Fortis Bank**”) and BNP Paribas Fortis Funding (“**BP2F**”) (each an “**Issuer**” and together, the “**Issuers**”) and under which the Notes issued by BP2F are guaranteed on a subordinated or unsubordinated basis by Fortis Bank NV/SA (the “**Guarantor**”).

Terms defined in the Base Prospectus have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.

This supplement has been prepared for the purpose of giving information with regard to the long term debt ratings of Fortis Bank.

This Supplement has been approved on the date hereof by the Luxembourg *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier*, which is the Luxembourg competent authority for the purpose of the Prospectus Directive and relevant implementation measures of the Prospectus Directive into Luxembourg law. This Supplement has been prepared pursuant to article 13 of the Luxembourg Prospectus Law.

Each of the Issuers and the Guarantor will, at its registered office and at the specified offices of the Paying Agents, provide, free of charge, upon oral or written request, a copy of this Supplement. In addition, this Supplement will be available in electronic form on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu) and on the website of Fortis Bank (www.bnpparibasfortis.be/emissions).

Unless the contrary is stated, terms defined in the Base Prospectus shall have the same meanings when used in this Supplement. In case of inconsistency between a statement contained in this Supplement and any other statement in or incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus (as already supplemented), the statement contained in this Supplement shall prevail. The Base Prospectus shall be amended as set out herein.

1. Long term debt ratings of Fortis Bank and of BP2F (with the Guarantee of Fortis Bank)

On 25 October 2012, the rating agency Standard & Poor's announced the following adjustments to the long terms rating of Fortis Bank (and of BP2F with the guarantee of Fortis Bank):

Standard & Poor's: to A+ (Negative Outlook) from AA- (Negative Outlook)

Obligations rated **A** means a strong capacity to meet financial commitments, but somewhat susceptible to adverse economic conditions and changes in circumstances.

Ratings from 'AA' to 'CCC' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

Rating Outlooks indicate the direction a rating is likely to move over a one- to two- year period. Outlook **negative**" means a rating may be lowered.

(Sources: rating symbols on www.standardandpoors.com)

Important notice

Standard & Poor's is a credit rating agency established and operating in the European Community and registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies (the "**CRA Regulation**") as set out within the list of registered CRAs dated 6 January 2012 by ESMA (<http://esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified-CRAs>).

2. Withdrawal right

Pursuant to Article 13 Paragraph 2 of the Luxembourg Prospectus Law dated 10 June 2005, the subscribers of the Notes not yet issued but that are still offered to the public by Fortis Bank or BP2F on the date of this Supplement have the right to withdraw their orders from the publication of this Supplement on the following websites: www.bourse.lu and www.bnpparibasfortis.be/emissions till 2 November 2012 at 5 pm Brussels time.

3. Responsibility Statement

Each of the Issuers and the Guarantor accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. Each of the Issuers and the Guarantor declares that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this Supplement is, to the best of its knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. Each of the Issuers estimates that, to the best of its knowledge and save as disclosed in this Supplement, there has been no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the information included in the Base Prospectus since its publication.

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