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In view of recent press speculation, Fortis, Royal Bank of Scotland and Santander (collectively, "the Banks") can confirm that they submitted a joint letter dated 12 April 2007 to the Chairmen of the Supervisory and Managing boards of ABN AMRO to express the Banks' interest in putting forward a proposal for the acquisition of ABN AMRO and their preference to work with ABN AMRO to make an offer to ABN AMRO shareholders.

The Banks have requested access to the same due diligence information given to Barclays.

The Banks hope to take discussions forward with the Supervisory and Managing boards of ABN AMRO, although there can be no certainty that these discussions will lead to a transaction or the form it might take.

No further comments will be made at this time.

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