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The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. RBS NotesSM

fully and unconditionally guaranteed by RBS Holdings N.V.

We, The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V., may offer from time to time senior notes. The specific terms of any notes that we offer will be included in a pricing supplement. The notes will have the following general terms:

- The notes will bear interest at either a fixed rate or a floating rate that varies during the lifetime of the relevant notes, which, in either case, may be zero. Floating rates will be based on rates or indices specified in the applicable pricing supplement.
- The notes will pay interest, if any, on the dates stated in the applicable pricing supplement.

- The notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by RBS Holdings N.V.
- The notes will be held in global form by The Depository Trust Company, unless the pricing supplement provides otherwise.

The pricing supplement may also specify that the notes will have additional terms, including the following:

- The notes may be optionally or mandatorily exchangeable for securities of an entity that is not affiliated with us, for a basket or index of those securities, or for the cash value of those securities.
- Payments on the notes may be linked to currency prices, commodity prices, securities of entities not affiliated with us, baskets of those securities or indices, or any combination of the above.
- The notes may be either callable by us or puttable by you.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-2.

These securities are not bank deposits and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Deposit Insurance Fund or any other federal agency.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and state securities regulators have not approved or disapproved these securities, or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

RBS Securities Inc. has agreed to use reasonable efforts to solicit offers to purchase these securities as our selling agent to the extent it is named in the applicable pricing supplement. Certain other selling agents to be named in the applicable pricing supplement may also be used to solicit such offers on a reasonable efforts basis. We refer to each selling agent individually as the "agent" and together as the "agents". The agents may also purchase these securities as principal at prices to be agreed upon at the time of sale. The agents may resell any securities they purchase as principal at prevailing market prices, or at other prices, as they determine.

RBS Securities Inc. may use this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in connection with offers and sales of the securities and related guarantees in market-making transactions.

RBS Securities Inc.

April 2, 2010

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

We may offer from time to time the notes described in this prospectus supplement. We refer to the notes and related guarantees offered under this prospectus supplement as our RBS NotesSM. We refer to the offering of the RBS NotesSM as our "RBS NotesSM program".

As used in this prospectus supplement, the "Bank", "we," "us" and "our" refer to The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V., "Holdings refers to RBS Holdings N.V, and "RBSSI" refers to RBS Securities Inc., an affiliate of ours.

This prospectus supplement sets forth certain terms of the notes that we may offer and supplements the prospectus that is attached to the back of this prospectus supplement. Each time we offer notes, we will attach a pricing supplement, product supplement and/or underlying supplement to this prospectus supplement, all of which we refer to as a "pricing supplement." The pricing supplement will contain the specific description of the notes we are offering and the terms of the offering and it may modify or replace information contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

It is important for you to read and consider all information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and pricing supplement in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the information contained in the documents identified in "Where You Can Find Additional Information" in the accompanying prospectus.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the prospectus and any pricing supplement. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different or additional information. We are offering to sell these securities and seeking offers to buy these securities only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted.

The notes may not be offered or sold in any jurisdiction in which such offer or sale would be unlawful. The notes may only be offered within the European Economic Area in compliance with the European Prospectus Directive 2003/71/EC and the implementing measures in any member state. See "Plan of Distribution – Selling Restrictions" in the accompanying prospectus.

The information set forth in this prospectus supplement is directed to prospective purchasers who are United States residents. We disclaim any responsibility to advise prospective purchasers who are residents of countries other than the United States of any matters arising under foreign law that may affect the purchase of or holding of, or receipt of payments on, the notes. These persons should consult their own legal and financial advisors concerning these matters.

RISK FACTORS

Your investment in the notes will involve a number of risks. Additional risks, including specific tax risks, relating to specific types of notes will be described in the applicable pricing supplement. You should consider carefully the following risks and the risks, if any, set forth in the applicable pricing supplement, before you decide that an investment in the notes is suitable for you. You should consult your own financial and legal advisors regarding the risks and suitability of an investment in the notes.

If your notes are redeemable, we may choose to redeem them when prevailing interest rates are relatively low.

If your notes are redeemable, we may choose to redeem your notes when prevailing interest rates are low and you may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a comparable security at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the notes being redeemed.

We cannot assure you that a trading market for your notes will ever develop or be maintained or that a trade can be executed at any indicative price shown on any website or Bloomberg.

We cannot assure you that a trading market for your notes will ever develop or be maintained. Many factors independent of our creditworthiness affect the trading market and market value of your notes. These factors include, among others:

whether we list the notes on a securities exchange; whether we or any other dealer makes a market in the notes; the method of calculating the principal and interest for the notes; the time remaining to the maturity of the notes; the outstanding amount of the notes; the redemption features of the notes; and the level, direction and volatility of interest rates, generally.

There may be a limited number of buyers when you decide to sell your notes, which may affect the price you receive for your notes or your ability to sell your notes at all.

In connection with any secondary market activity in our notes, our affiliates may post indicative prices for the notes on a designated website or via Bloomberg. However, our affiliates are not required to post such indicative prices and may stop doing so at any time. Investors are advised that any prices shown on any website or Bloomberg page are indicative prices only and, as such, there can be no assurance that any trade could be executed at such prices. Investors should contact their brokerage firm for further information.

If the notes you purchase are floating rate notes, you may receive a lesser amount of interest in the future.

Because the interest rate on floating rate notes will be indexed to an external interest rate or index that may vary from time to time, there will be significant risks not associated with a conventional fixed rate debt security. These risks include fluctuation of the applicable interest rate and the possibility that, in the future, the interest rate on your note will decrease and may be zero, subject to any minimum interest rate specified in the applicable pricing supplement. We have no control over a number of matters that may affect interest rates, including economic, financial and political events that are important in determining the existence, magnitude and longevity of these risks and their results.

If the floating rate notes you purchase are subject to a maximum interest rate, your return will be limited.

If the applicable pricing supplement specifies that your floating rate notes are subject to a maximum interest rate, the rate of interest that will accrue on the floating rate notes during any interest reset period will never exceed the specified maximum interest rate.

The Inclusion of Commissions and Cost of Hedging in the Issue Price is Likely to Adversely Affect Secondary Market Prices.

Assuming no change in market conditions or any other relevant factors, the price, if any, at which the agents are willing to purchase notes in secondary market transactions will likely be lower than the issue price, since the issue price included, and secondary market prices are likely to exclude, commissions paid with respect to the notes, as well as the profit component included in the cost of hedging our obligations under the notes. In addition, any such prices may differ from values determined by pricing models used by the agents, as a result of dealer discounts, mark-ups or other transaction costs.

There are potential conflicts of interest between you and the calculation agent.

RBSSI, an affiliate of ours, will serve as the calculation agent with respect to the notes. In its role as calculation agent, RBSSI will exercise its judgment when performing its functions. Absent manifest error, all of its determinations in its role as calculation agent will be final and binding on you and us, without any liability on its or our part. You will not be entitled to any compensation from us or RBSSI for any loss suffered as a result of any of its determinations in its role as calculation agent. Since these determinations by RBSSI as calculation agent may affect the return on and/or market value of your notes, you and RBSSI may have a conflict of interest.

The U.S. federal income tax treatment of certain instruments is uncertain.

The U.S. federal income tax treatment of certain instruments we may issue is uncertain. Please read carefully the section entitled "United States Federal Income Taxation" in this Prospectus Supplement and any discussion regarding U.S. federal income taxation contained in the applicable pricing supplement. You should consult your own tax adviser about an investment in any of our notes in light of your particular tax situation.

DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

Investors should carefully read the general terms and provisions of our debt securities in "Description of Debt Securities" in the accompanying prospectus. This section supplements that description. The pricing supplement will add specific terms for each issuance of notes and may modify or replace any of the information in this section and in "Description of Debt Securities" in the accompanying prospectus.

General Terms of Notes

We may issue notes under an indenture dated September 15, 2006, among us, Wilmington Trust Company, as trustee, Citibank, N.A., as securities administrator and Holding, as guarantor, which we refer to as the "Indenture." The notes issued under the Indenture will constitute a single series under the Indenture, together with any notes that we issue in the future under the Indenture that we designate as being part of that series.

Our Outstanding Indebtedness. The Indenture does not limit the amount of additional indebtedness that we may incur.

Ranking. Notes issued under the Indenture will constitute our unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and rank pari passu without any preference among them and with all our other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations save for those preferred by mandatory provision of law.

Terms Specified in Pricing Supplements. A pricing supplement will specify the following terms of any issuance of our notes to the extent applicable:

the specific designation of the notes;

the issue price (price to public);

the aggregate principal amount;

the denominations or minimum denominations;

the original issue date;

the stated maturity date and any terms related to any extension of the maturity date;

whether the notes are fixed rate notes, floating rate notes or notes with original issue discount;

for fixed rate notes, the rate per year at which the notes will bear interest, if any, or the method of calculating that rate and the dates on which interest will be payable;

for floating rate notes, the base rate, the index maturity, the spread, the spread multiplier, the initial interest rate, the interest reset periods, the interest payment dates, the maximum interest rate, the minimum interest rate and any other terms relating to the particular method of calculating the interest rate for the note;

whether interest, if any, will be payable in cash or payable in kind;

whether the notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at our option or repaid at your option, prior to the stated maturity date, and the terms of any redemption or repayment;

whether the notes are currency-linked notes and/or notes linked to commodity prices, securities of entities not affiliated with us, any other financial, economic or other measures or instruments, including the occurrence or non-occurrence of any event or circumstance, and/or baskets or indices of any of these items, or any combination of the above;

the terms on which holders of the notes may convert or exchange them into or for stock or other securities of entities not affiliated with us, or for the cash value of any of these securities or for any other property, any specific terms relating to the adjustment of the conversion or exchange feature and the period during which the holders may effect the conversion or exchange;

whether the notes are renewable notes;

if any note is not denominated and payable in U.S. dollars, the currency or currencies in which the principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, will be paid, which we refer to as the "specified currency," along with any other terms relating to the non-U.S. dollar denomination, including exchange rates as against the U.S. dollar at selected times during the last five years and any exchange controls affecting that specified currency;

whether and under what circumstances we will pay additional amounts on the notes for any tax, assessment or governmental charge withheld or deducted and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem those debt securities rather than pay the additional amounts;

whether the notes will be listed on any stock exchange;

whether the notes will be issued in book-entry or certificated form;

if the notes are in book-entry form, whether the notes will be offered on a global basis to investors through Euroclear Bank S.A./ N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme as well as through the Depositary (each as defined below); and

any other terms on which we will issue the notes.

Some Definitions. We have defined some of the terms that we use frequently in this prospectus supplement below:

A "business day" means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, (a) that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law or regulation to close (x) for all notes, in The City of New York, (y) for notes denominated in a specified currency other than U.S. dollars, euro or Australian dollars, in the principal financial center of the country of the specified currency or (z) for notes denominated in Australian dollars, in Sydney; and (b) for notes denominated in euro, that is also a TARGET Settlement Day.

"Depositary" means The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York.

"Euro LIBOR notes" means LIBOR notes for which the index currency is euros.

An "interest payment date" for any note means a date on which, under the terms of that note, regularly scheduled interest is payable.

"London banking day" means any day on which dealings in deposits in the relevant index currency are transacted in the London interbank market.

The "record date" for any interest payment date is the date 15 calendar days prior to that interest payment date, whether or not that date is a business day, unless another date is specified in the applicable pricing supplement.

"TARGET Settlement Day" means any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System ("TARGET2") is open.

References in this prospectus supplement to "U.S. dollar," or "U.S.\$" or "\$" are to the currency of the United States of America.

Guarantee

Holdings will fully and unconditionally guarantee payment in full to the holders of the notes issued by the Bank under the Indenture after the date hereof. The guarantee is set forth in, and forms a part of, the Indenture under which the notes will be issued. If, for any reason, we do not make any required payment in respect of the notes when due, Holdings as the guarantor thereof will cause the payment to be made to or to the order of the trustee. The holder of the guaranteed note may sue the guarantor to enforce its rights under the guarantee without first suing us or any other person or entity. The guarantees will constitute Holding's unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and rank pari passu without any preference among them and with all Holding's other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations.

Forms of Notes

We will offer the notes on a continuing basis and will issue notes only in fully registered form either as registered global notes or as certificated notes. References to "holders" mean those who own notes registered in their own names, on the books that we or the trustee maintain for this purpose, and not those who own beneficial interests in notes registered in street name or in notes issued in book-entry form through one or more depositaries.

Registered Global Notes. For registered global notes, we will issue one or more global certificates representing the entire issue of notes. Except as set forth in the accompanying prospectus under "Forms of Securities — Global Securities," you may not exchange registered global notes or interests in registered global notes for certificated notes.

Each global note certificate representing registered global notes will be deposited with, or on behalf of, the Depositary and registered in the name of a nominee of the Depositary. These certificates name the Depositary or its nominee as the owner of the notes. The Depositary maintains a computerized system that will reflect the interests held by its participants in the global notes. An investor's beneficial interest will be reflected in the records of the Depositary's direct or indirect participants through an account maintained by the investor with its broker/dealer, bank, trust company or other representative. A further description of the Depositary's procedures for global notes representing book-entry notes is set forth under "Forms of Securities — The Depositary" in the accompanying prospectus. The Depositary has confirmed to us, RBSSI and the trustee that it intends to follow these procedures.

Certificated Notes. If we issue notes in certificated form, the certificate will name the investor or the investor's nominee as the owner of the note. The person named in the note register will be considered the owner of the note for all purposes under the Indenture. For example, if we need to ask the holders of the notes to vote on a proposed amendment to the notes, the person named in the note register will be asked to cast any vote regarding that note. If you have chosen to have some other entity hold the certificates for you, that entity will be considered the owner of your note in our records and will be entitled to cast the vote regarding your note. You may not exchange certificated notes for registered global notes or interests in registered global notes.

Denominations. Unless otherwise specified in the pricing supplement, we will issue the notes:

for U.S. dollar-denominated notes, in denominations of \$1,000 or any amount greater than \$1,000 that is an integral multiple of \$1,000; or

for notes denominated in a specified currency other than U.S. dollars, in denominations of the equivalent of \$1,000, rounded to an integral multiple of 1,000 units of the specified currency, or any larger integral multiple of 1,000 units of the specified currency, as determined by reference to the market exchange rate, as defined under "— Interest and Principal Payments — Unavailability of Foreign Currency" below, on the business day immediately preceding the date of issuance.

Interest and Principal Payments

Payments, Exchanges and Transfers. Holders may present notes for payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, register the transfer of the notes, and exchange the notes at Citibank, N.A, the securities administrator under the Indenture, at 111 Wall Street, 15th Floor, New York, New York 10043, Attention: Agency and Trust Group, as our current agent for the payment, transfer and exchange of the notes. We refer to Citibank, N.A. acting in this capacity, as the paying agent. However, holders of global notes may transfer and exchange global notes only in the manner and to the extent set forth under "Forms of Securities — Global Securities" in the accompanying prospectus.

We will not be required to:

register the transfer or exchange of any note if the holder has exercised the holder's right, if any, to require us to repurchase the note, in whole or in part, except the portion of the note not required to be repurchased;

register the transfer or exchange of notes to be redeemed for a period of fifteen calendar days preceding the mailing of the relevant notice of redemption; or

register the transfer or exchange of any note selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed or unpaid portion of that note being redeemed in part.

No service charge will be made for any registration or transfer or exchange of notes, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with the registration of transfer or exchange of notes.

Although we anticipate making payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on most notes in U.S. dollars, some notes may be payable in foreign currencies as specified in the applicable pricing supplement. Currently, few facilities exist in the United States to convert U.S. dollars into foreign currencies and vice versa. In addition, most U.S. banks do not offer non-U.S. dollar denominated checking or savings account facilities. Accordingly, unless alternative arrangements are made, we will pay principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on notes that are payable in a foreign currency to an account at a bank outside the United States, which, in the case of a note payable in euro, will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account specified by the payee in a country for which the euro is the lawful currency.

Recipients of Payments. The paying agent will pay interest to the person in whose name the note is registered at the close of business on the applicable record date. However, upon maturity, redemption or repayment, the paying agent will pay any interest due to the person to whom it pays the principal of the note. The paying agent will make the payment of interest on the date of maturity, redemption or repayment, whether or not that date is an interest payment date. The paying agent will make the initial interest payment on a note on the first interest payment date falling after the date of issuance, unless the date of issuance is less than 15 calendar days before an interest payment date. In that case, the paying agent will pay interest on the next succeeding interest payment date to the holder of record on the record date corresponding to the succeeding interest payment date.

Book-Entry Notes. The paying agent will make payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, to the account of the Depositary, as holder of book-entry notes, by wire transfer of immediately available funds. We expect that the Depositary, upon receipt of any payment, will immediately credit its participants' accounts in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the book-entry notes as shown on the records of the Depositary. We also expect that payments by the Depositary's participants to owners of beneficial interests in the book-entry notes will be governed by standing customer instructions and customary practices and will be the responsibility of those participants.

Certificated Notes. Except as indicated below, for payments of interest at maturity, redemption or repayment, the paying agent will make U.S. dollar payments of interest either:

by check mailed to the address of the person entitled to payment as shown on the note register; or

by wire transfer of immediately available funds, if the holder has provided wire transfer instructions to the paying agent not later than 15 calendar days prior to the applicable interest payment date.

U.S. dollar payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, upon maturity, redemption or repayment on a note will be made in immediately available funds against presentation and surrender of the note.