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## AEGON repays one third of government support

THE HAGUE - AEGON yesterday repaid one third of the EUR 3 billion in core capital the company secured last year through its largest shareholder, Vereniging AEGON and funded by the Dutch government. AEGON first announced its intention to repay the Dutch government in August when it raised EUR 1 billion in a successful equity issue.

The total payment to the Dutch government amounts to EUR 1.15 billion. Under the terms of AEGON's agreement with the Dutch government, the premium for repayment amounted to EUR 108 million based on the volume weighted average share price of AEGON shares of EUR 4.8315 during the five trading days from November 23 until November 27. The amount repaid includes accrued interest from May 22, 2009 of EUR 44 million.

Repayment of the initial EUR 1 billion to the Dutch government is an important first step toward full repayment of the core capital funded by the Dutch government.

### About AEGON

As an international life insurance, pension and investment company based in The Hague, AEGON has businesses in over twenty markets in the Americas, Europe and Asia. AEGON companies employ approximately 29,000 people and have over 40 million customers across the globe.

Key figures - EUR	Q3 2009	Full year 2008
Underlying earnings before tax	351 million	1.6 billion
New life sales	484 million	2.6 billion
Gross deposits	6.8 billion	40.8 billion
Revenue generating investments (end of period)	354 billion	332 billion

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- <sup>o</sup> Changes in general economic conditions, particularly in the United States, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom;
- <sup>o</sup> Changes in the performance of financial markets, including emerging markets, such as with regard to:
  - The frequency and severity of defaults by issuers in our fixed income investment portfolios; and
  - The effects of corporate bankruptcies and/or accounting restatements on the financial markets and the resulting decline in the value of equity and debt securities we hold;
- The frequency and severity of insured loss events;
- <sup>o</sup> Changes affecting mortality, morbidity and other factors that may impact the profitability of our insurance products;
- <sup>o</sup> Changes affecting interest rate levels and continuing low or rapidly changing interest rate levels;
- <sup>o</sup> Changes affecting currency exchange rates, in particular the EUR/USD and EUR/GBP exchange rates;
- Increasing levels of competition in the United States, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and emerging markets;
- Changes in laws and regulations, particularly those affecting our operations, the products we sell, and the attractiveness of certain products to our consumers;
- Regulatory changes relating to the insurance industry in the jurisdictions in which we operate;
- Acts of God, acts of terrorism, acts of war and pandemics;
- <sup>o</sup> Effects of deliberations of the European Commission regarding the aid we received from the Dutch State in December 2008;
- <sup>o</sup> Changes in the policies of central banks and/or governments;
- <sup>o</sup> Litigation or regulatory action that could require us to pay significant damages or change the way we do business;
- <sup>o</sup> Customer responsiveness to both new products and distribution channels;
- Competitive, legal, regulatory, or tax changes that affect the distribution cost of or demand for our products;
- <sup>o</sup> Our failure to achieve anticipated levels of earnings or operational efficiencies as well as other cost saving initiatives; and
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