



PRESS RELEASE

GROUPE BANQUE POPULAIRE AND GROUPE CAISSE D'ÉPARGNE AFFIRM THEIR CONFIDENCE IN NATIXIS'S FUNDAMENTALS AND OUTLOOK

Paris, August 6, 2007 – Following the share price performance over the last few trading sessions, NATIXIS has, in a press release dated today, provided some clarification and confirmed the absence of a negative impact on its outlook for 2007 resulting from the current situation of certain financial institutions, including in particular the German bank IKB, and the US subprime market.

In the light of these events, Banque Fédérale des Banques Populaires and Caisse Nationale des Caisses d'Épargne, both shareholders with a 34.4% stake in NATIXIS, affirm their full confidence in NATIXIS's outlook and fundamentals.

Accordingly, Banque Fédérale des Banques Populaires and Caisse Nationale des Caisses d'Épargne plan to increase their stake in NATIXIS. In this respect, the two shareholders state that they will conclude, where applicable, an additional clause to the shareholders' pact of November 17, 2006 enabling them to increase, still in a strictly identical manner, their stake in NATIXIS's capital in line with the regulations on public offers and in compliance with the terms of the derogation of the AMF (French financial market authority) dated July 13, 2006.

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