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Fernand de Donnea new CEO of CBC Banque

The Executive Committee of KBC Group NV and the Board of Directors of CBC Banque SA will be proposing Mr Fernand de Donnea to the NBB, the Belgian financial regulator, as President of the Executive Committee of CBC Banque SA.

Fernand de Donnea will succeed Daniel Falque, current CEO of CBC Banque S.A., who will in turn become a member of the Executive Committee of KBC Group NV and succeed Johan Thijs as CEO of KBC's Belgium Business Unit.

The appointment of Fernand de Donnea will be effective as of 3 May 2012.

Fernand de Donnea (born 1954) studied Law at the Facultés Universitaires Notre Dame de la Paix (Namur) and at the UCL, the Catholic University of Louvain in Louvain-la-Neuve. He went on to obtain a degree in fiscal studies at the Facultés Universitaires Saint-Louis, Brussels. He began his career with CBC (then still Crédit Général de Banque) in 1979, where he worked in the branch network, before taking on the responsibility for training. He was then appointed as General Manager for the **Liège-Namur-Luxembourg** region, and subsequently HR Director and secretary to the Executive Committee. Since April 2002, he has been Executive Director and member of the Executive Committee of CBC. He is married and has three children.

Jan Vanhevel, KBC Group NV CEO, commented as follows: *'Fernand has spent his whole career with CBC and knows the bank inside out. Over the past few years, together with Daniel, he has successfully implemented CBC's new strategy, making the bank much better prepared for the various markets on which it is present. I am therefore confident that, with the support of his colleagues in the Executive Committee of CBC, he will use his successful experience to benefit the customers and other stakeholders.'*

Johan Thijs, Chairman of the Board of Directors of CBC Banque SA, added: *'With Fernand, the Board has chosen someone with a really broad experience and thorough knowledge of the organisation, who will ensure continuity and prepare CBC for the challenges and opportunities of the future.'*

Note for the Editor:

A photo of Fernand de Donnea is available from the KBC Group NV Press Office (pressofficekbc@kbc.be)

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