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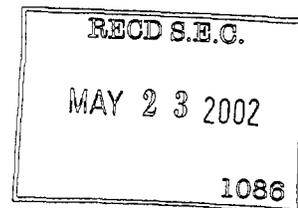
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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934



May 23, 2002

KPNQWEST N.V.

Polaris Avenue 97  
2132 JH Hoofddorp  
The Netherlands  
*(Address of principal executive offices)*

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the  
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

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**KPNQwest N.V.**

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 23, 2002

KPNQwest N.V.  
(Registrant)

By: J.W. Peterson  
Name: J. Weston Peterson  
Title: Vice President



# News

## KPNQWEST FILES FOR MORATORIUM UNDER DUTCH LAW

**Hoofddorp, The Netherlands, Thursday 23 May 2002** - KPNQwest N.V. today announced that it is filing for protection under Dutch moratorium law, as it continues its dialogue with strategic investors and works with its banks and advisors to find funding alternatives.

The Company continues to believe that there is substantial risk that there may be no underlying value to either its debt or equity securities.

### **About KPNQwest**

KPNQwest (NASDAQ & ASE: KQIP), a leading pan-European data communications and hosting company, delivers a full range of carrier and corporate networking solutions, hosting and Internet services across an 18-country 25,000 km European footprint, Interoperable with the 300,000km Qwest global network. The Company owns and operates the EuroRings™, the fastest, most advanced fibre-optic backbone in Europe, which connects 60 cities, 14 of them with extensive Metropolitan Area Networks, and a network of 28 ultra-secure hosting facilities, the KPNQwest CyberCentres™. For more information please visit the KPNQwest website at: [www.kpnqwest.com](http://www.kpnqwest.com)

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