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This Report contains a copy of the following:

- (1) The Press Release issued on November 6, 2013.

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CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

PRESS RELEASE

Amsterdam, 6 November 2013

ING announces liability management actions

ING Bank announces exchange offers into CRD-IV eligible Tier 2 securities for seven series of lower Tier 2 debt totalling approximately EUR 4.7 billion

Additionally, ING Bank announces it will call USD 2 billion 8.5% Tier 1 hybrid per call date 15 December 2013 to lower cost of capital

Liability management actions will further optimise capital structure of ING Bank ahead of implementation of CRD-IV legislation and have been approved by European Commission (EC) and Dutch Central Bank. ING Bank announced today a number of liability management actions. ING will offer bondholders an opportunity to exchange seven series of subordinated debt into CRD-IV eligible Tier 2 securities. This enables ING to proactively optimise the Bank's capital structure in anticipation of the upcoming CRD-IV implementation. In addition ING Bank will call USD 2 billion of hybrid Tier 1 securities which will lower its funding costs. The European Commission has authorized the transactions.

The contribution of the subordinated debt that is currently included as lower Tier 2 in the Bank's total capital ratio will gradually diminish following the implementation date of CRD-IV on 1 January 2014. The exchange of the seven series of lower Tier 2 debt securities with a total nominal value of EUR 4.7 billion at current exchange rates into two CRD-IV eligible Tier 2 securities will further optimise the capital structure of ING Bank while maintaining its strong capital position.

In addition, ING Bank announced its intention to call a USD 2 billion 8.5% Hybrid Tier 1 as the capital contribution of non CRD-IV eligible Hybrid securities to the Bank's Tier 1 capital will diminish by approximately the same amount from 1 January 2014 based on CRD-IV. The successful issuance in September 2013 of the USD 2.0 billion 5.8% CRD-IV eligible Tier 2 security replaces the USD 2 billion 8.5% Tier 1 Hybrid in the total capital structure. The transaction will reduce the cost of capital and will contribute to future earnings.

The transactions are not expected to have a material impact on ING Bank's results. However, as agreed with the EC, the net present value of the financial benefits realised through these transactions will be used to increase the next repayment of core Tier 1 securities to the Dutch State, scheduled for March 2014, whereas the final payment scheduled for May 2015 will be lowered by the same amount. The total amount of the repayment to the Dutch State remains unchanged.

Any future decisions by ING as to whether it will exercise (or cause to be exercised) calls in respect of the debt securities that are not exchanged pursuant to the relevant exchange offer will be made on an economic basis, taking into account the interests of all stakeholders. Other factors that ING will consider include prevailing market conditions, regulatory approval and capital requirements as well as authorisation from the European Commission. Based on the EC Restructuring Agreement as announced in November 2012, ING requires authorization from the EC to execute liability management actions until 18 November 2014, or when the State aid is repaid in full, whichever comes first.

TARGETED SECURITIES FOR EXCHANGE EXERCISE

| Currency/ Type | ISIN | Amount Outstanding | Current Interest Rate ⁱ | Reset Interest Rate | Maturity Date | Exchange Price | New Notes |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---|---|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Euro / Subordinated | XS0240868793 | 1,000,000,000 | 3 month EURIBOR + 0.675 per cent. per annum | N/A Reset Date already occurred | 18 March 2016 | 99.75% | New Euro Notes |
| Euro / Subordinated | NL0000113892 | 1,000,000,000 | 4.625 per cent. per annum | 3 month EURIBOR + 1.440 per cent. per annum | 15 March 2019 | 100.00% | New Euro Notes |
| U.S. Dollars / Subordinated | XS0255306671 | U.S.\$1,250,000,000 | 3 month USD LIBOR + 0.675 per cent. per annum | N/A Reset Date already occurred | 23 May 2016 | 99.25% | New U.S. Dollar Notes |
| U.S. Dollars / Subordinated | XS0256836171 | U.S.\$100,000,000 | 3 month USD LIBOR + 0.675 per cent. per annum | N/A Reset Date already occurred | 8 June 2016 | 99.00% | New U.S. Dollar Notes |
| U.S. Dollars / Subordinated | XS0268815528 | U.S.\$200,000,000 | 3 month USD LIBOR + 0.710 per cent. per annum | N/A Reset Date already occurred | 26 September 2016 | 98.75% | New U.S. Dollar Notes |
| U.S. Dollars / Subordinated | XS0275827292 | U.S.\$200,000,000 | 3 month USD LIBOR + 0.700 per cent. per annum | N/A Reset Date already occurred | 21 November 2016 | 98.75% | New U.S. Dollar Notes |
| U.S. Dollars / Subordinated | XS0306992545 | U.S.\$2,000,000,000 | 3 month USD LIBOR + 0.700 per cent. per annum | N/A Reset Date already occurred | 3 July 2017 | 98.50% | New U.S. Dollar Notes |

DETAILS ON NEW SECURITIES TO REPLACE SECURITIES FOR EXCHANGE
Optional

| New Notes Title | Currency / Type | Initial Interest Rate ⁱⁱ | Redemption Date/ Reset Date ⁱⁱⁱ | Reset Interest Rate | Maturity Date |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|---|--|------------------|
| New Euro Notes | Euro / Subordinated | The aggregate of 2.45% and the 5 Year Euro Mid-Swap Rate | 21 November 2018 | The aggregate of 2.45% and a reset Mid-Swap Rate per | 21 November 2023 |

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| | | per annum | | annum | |
| New U.S. Dollar Notes | U.S. Dollars / Subordinated | The aggregate of 2.70% and the 5 Year U.S. Dollar Mid-Swap Rate per annum | 21 November 2018 | The aggregate of 2.70% and a reset Mid-Swap Rate per annum | 21 November 2023 |

TARGETED SECURITY FOR CALL EXERCISE

8.50% ING Perpetual Hybrid Capital Securities, Cusip 456837806, call date 15 December 2013

- i More detailed information about the interest rate is contained in the relevant Existing Note Conditions.
- ii More detailed information about the interest rate is contained in the relevant New Note Conditions.
- iii Subject to adjustment for non-business days in accordance with the relevant New Note Conditions.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The exchange offers are being made on terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Exchange Offer Memorandum dated 6 November 2013. Announcement of results is expected on 15 November 2013.

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ING PROFILE

ING is a global financial institution of Dutch origin, offering banking, investments, life insurance and retirement services to meet the needs of a broad customer base. Going forward, we will concentrate on our position as an international retail, direct and commercial bank, while creating an optimal base for an independent future for our insurance and investment management operations

IMPORTANT LEGAL INFORMATION

Certain of the statements contained in this document are not historical facts, including, without limitation, certain statements made of future expectations and other forward-looking statements that are based on management's current views and assumptions and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. Actual results, performance or events may differ materially from those in such statements due to, without limitation: (1) changes in general economic conditions, in particular economic conditions in ING's core markets, (2) changes in performance of financial markets, including developing markets, (3) consequences of a potential (partial) break-up of the euro, (4) the implementation of ING's restructuring plan to separate banking and insurance operations, (5) changes in the availability of, and costs associated with, sources of liquidity such as interbank funding, as well as conditions in the credit markets generally, including changes in borrower and counterparty creditworthiness, (6) the frequency and severity of insured loss events, (7) changes affecting mortality and morbidity levels and trends, (8) changes affecting persistency levels, (9) changes affecting interest rate levels, (10) changes affecting currency exchange rates, (11) changes in investor, customer and policyholder behaviour, (12) changes in general competitive factors, (13) changes in laws and regulations, (14) changes in the policies of governments and/or regulatory authorities, (15) conclusions with regard to purchase accounting assumptions and methodologies, (16) changes in ownership that could affect the future availability to us of net operating loss, net capital and built-in loss carry forwards, (17) changes in credit-ratings, (18) ING's ability to achieve projected operational synergies and (19) the other risks and uncertainties detailed in the risk factors section contained in the most recent annual report of ING Groep 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.

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(Registrant)

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Dated: November 6, 2013