

ING GROEP NV
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K
Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For December 11, 2009
Commission File Number 1-14642
ING Groep N.V.
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The Netherlands

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Yes ☐ No ☒

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This Report contains a copy of the following:

(1) The Press Release issued on December 11, 2009.

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CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

PRESS RELEASE

Amsterdam, 11 December 2009

ING to repay Dutch State EUR 5 bn Core Tier 1 securities on 21 Dec.

ING announced today that it has notified the Dutch State that it will exercise its option to early repurchase EUR 5 billion of the Core Tier 1 securities.

As announced on 26 October 2009, ING and the Dutch State agreed to alter the repayment terms of the Core Tier 1 securities issued in November 2008, in order to facilitate early repayment. The repayment, for which the Dutch Central Bank has given its consent, is expected to take place on 21 December 2009.

The total payment is expected to amount to EUR 5,606 million. This consists of a repayment of the EUR 5 billion principal amount, representing half of the Core Tier 1 securities, plus accrued coupon from 12 May 2009 to 20 December 2009 of EUR 259 million and a repayment premium of EUR 347 million.

ING intends to fund the repayment with the proceeds of the EUR 7.5 billion rights issue that ING expects to complete on 21 December 2009.

Jan Hommen, CEO of ING stated: After repaying half of the funds we received last year from the Dutch State, we will work now towards repaying the second half of the Core Tier 1 securities. We anticipate doing so using retained earnings and potential proceeds from divestments. The Dutch State has indicated it is open to discussing modification of the repayment conditions for the second half.

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ING PROFILE

ING is a global financial institution of Dutch origin offering banking, investments, life insurance and retirement services. As of 30 September 2009, ING served more than 85 million private, corporate and institutional clients in more than 40 countries. With a diverse workforce of about 110,000 people, ING is dedicated to setting the standard in helping our clients manage their financial future.

IMPORTANT LEGAL INFORMATION

Certain of the statements contained herein are statements of future expectations and other forward-looking statements. These expectations are based on management's current views and assumptions and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties. Actual results, performance or events may differ materially from those in such statements due to, among other things, (i) general economic conditions, in particular economic conditions in ING's core markets, (ii) performance of financial markets, including developing markets, (iii) the implementation of ING's restructuring plan to separate banking and insurance operations, (iv) 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, (v) the frequency and severity of insured loss events, (vi) mortality and morbidity levels and trends, (vii) persistency levels, (viii) interest rate levels, (ix) currency exchange rates, (x) general competitive factors, (xi) changes in laws and regulations, (xii) changes in the policies of governments and/or regulatory authorities, (xiii) conclusions with regard to purchase accounting assumptions and methodologies, (xiv) changes in ownership that could affect the future availability to us of net operating loss, net capital loss and built-in loss carryforwards, and (xv) ING's ability to achieve projected operational synergies. ING assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking information contained in this document.

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The Company will not authorize any offer to the public of shares or subscription rights in any Member State of the European Economic Area other than the Netherlands and any other jurisdiction into which the prospectus for the offering of shares or subscription rights has been passported. With respect to each Member State of the European Economic Area other than the Netherlands (and any other jurisdiction into which the prospectus for the offering of shares or subscription rights has been passported) and which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State), no action has been undertaken to date to make an offer to the public of shares or subscription rights requiring a publication of a prospectus in any Relevant Member State.

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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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