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Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For November 25, 2009 Commission File Number 1-14642 ING Groep N.V.

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The Netherlands

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(1) The Press Release issued on November 25, 2009.

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#### CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

# PRESS RELEASE Amsterdam, 25 November 2009

# ING shareholders approve strategic decisions and rights issue

The Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of ING Groep N.V. today voted in favour of all proposals put forward to the meeting. The EGM approved the decision to separate banking and insurance (including investment management) and authorized a rights issue of up to EUR 7.5 billion.

As announced earlier, one of the key goals of the strategic Back to Basics programme is to reduce complexity of the Group. Negotiations with the European Commission on ING s restructuring plan have acted as a catalyst to accelerate the decision. The European Commission approved the decision to separate on 18 November 2009 as have the shareholders at today s EGM.

As announced on 26 October 2009, ING has reached an agreement with the Dutch State to facilitate early repayment of 50% (EUR 5 billion) of the Core Tier 1 securities issued to the Dutch State in 2008 at the issue price of EUR 10 plus a premium of up to a maximum of approximately EUR 950 million, consisting of the accrued coupon and a repayment premium. ING intends to execute the repurchase transaction in December 2009.

In order to get approval for the restructuring plan from the European Commission, ING also agreed to make a series of additional payments to the Dutch State corresponding to an adjustment of the fees for the Illiquid Assets Back-up Facility (IABF). In total, these extra payments will amount to a net present value of EUR 1.3 billion, which will be booked as a one-off pre-tax charge in the fourth quarter of 2009.

At the EGM, shareholders authorised a capital increase with preferential subscription rights for holders of (depositary receipts for) ordinary shares of up to EUR 7.5 billion (the right issue). ING intends to use the proceeds of the underwritten issue to repurchase 50% (EUR 5 billion) of the Core Tier 1 Securities and to mitigate the impact on capital of additional payments to the Dutch State in respect of the IABF.

Further information on the underwritten rights issue, including the issue price, the subscription ratio, the number of shares to be issued, a detailed timetable and the prospectus for the issue will be published in due course.

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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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# **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.

ING Groep N.V. (Registrant)

By: /s/ H. van Barneveld H.van Barneveld General Manager Group Finance & Control

By: /s/ W.A. Brouwer W.A. Brouwer Assistant General Counsel

Dated: November 25, 2009

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