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## **CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Amsterdam, 9 April 2015

#### **ING Group will issue USD 2.25 billion Additional Tier 1 securities**

ING Group will issue USD 2.25 billion securities that qualify as Additional Tier 1 capital under CRD IV / CRR. This successful issuance will further strengthen ING's capital base.

Following significant demand from investors in Asia, Europe and the U.S, ING will issue USD 2.25 billion of USD denominated Perpetual Additional Tier 1 Contingent Convertible Capital Securities. This comprises two separate tranches: a USD 1.0 billion Perpetual Non-Callable 5 Year with coupon 6.00% and a USD 1.25 billion Perpetual Non-Callable 10 Year with coupon 6.50%.

The securities will be subject to full conversion into ordinary shares of ING Group in the event ING Group's phased-in CET 1 ratio would fall below 7.0%.

The settlement of the securities is expected to occur on 16 April 2015 which will complete the issuance.

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## **ING PROFILE**

ING is a global financial institution with a strong European base, offering banking services through its operating company ING Bank and holding a significant stake in the listed insurer NN Group NV. The purpose of ING Bank is empowering people to stay a step ahead in life and in business. ING Bank's 53,000 employees offer retail and commercial banking services to customers in over 40 countries.

ING Group shares are listed (in the form of depositary receipts) on the exchanges of Amsterdam (INGA NA, ING.AS), Brussels and on the New York Stock Exchange (ADRs: ING US, ING.N).

Sustainability forms an integral part of ING's corporate strategy, which is evidenced by ING Group shares being included in the FTSE4Good index and in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (Europe and World) where ING is the industry leader in the diversified financials group.

## IMPORTANT LEGAL INFORMATION

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