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**FORM 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

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**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For October 1, 2013**

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This Report contains a copy of the following:

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

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**CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Amsterdam, 1 October 2013

**Update on leadership changes at ING**

ING announced today that, as proposed in February 2013 and approved by the Annual General Meeting in May 2013, Ralph Hamers has succeeded Jan Hommen as CEO of ING Group. It is an honour to follow in the footsteps of Jan, who has shown great determination and personal commitment in the most testing times for ING. On behalf of all at ING, I want to thank him again for leaving us with a stronger, simpler and more customer focused company. It is now up to us to take ING into the next phase for the bank as well as for our insurance and investment management businesses, Ralph Hamers said.

As the European Insurance and Investment Management businesses continue to work towards a stand-alone future with the aim of being ready for a base case Initial Public Offering (IPO) in 2014, the governance of ING Insurance has been adapted as of today. Lard Friese has been appointed vice-chairman of ING Insurance. In this new role he is responsible for business strategy, performance and day-to-day operations of ING Insurance. As vice-chairman of ING Insurance, Lard Friese will report to Ralph Hamers who as CEO of ING Group is also chairman of the Management Board Insurance.

Lard Friese currently is member of the Management Board Insurance EurAsia and in that role responsible for the European Insurance and Investment Management businesses. Delfin Rueda, Doug Caldwell and Dorothee van Vredenburg, also members of the Management Board Insurance EurAsia, have also been appointed to the Management Board Insurance in their respective roles, reporting to Lard Friese. The governance changes have become effective as of today.

These appointments are an important and logical step in the preparations for a successful IPO. I am confident that in this period of change, Lard, with his longstanding expertise in the international insurance industry, will lead this business forward, Ralph Hamers said. The strong executive team is determined to continue to build an agile organisation that is able to drive change and performance while keeping our customers as the highest priority.

As announced earlier, in order to expedite the IPO process, ING U.S. has been transferred out of ING Insurance to ING Group per 30 September 2013, clearing the way to use ING Insurance (ING Verzekeringen N.V.) as the IPO entity.

Following the leadership changes, the composition of the Executive Board, the Management Board Banking and the Management Board Insurance will be as follows:

**Executive Board**

Ralph Hamers, Chief Executive Officer

Patrick Flynn, Chief Financial Officer

Wilfred Nagel, Chief Risk Officer

**Management Board Banking**

Ralph Hamers, CEO

Koos Timmermans, vice-chairman

Patrick Flynn, CFO

Wilfred Nagel, CRO

William Connelly, CEO Commercial Banking

Eli Leenaars, CEO Retail Banking Direct and  
International

Hans van der Noordaa, CEO Retail Banking Benelux

**Management Board Insurance**

Ralph Hamers, CEO

Lard Friese, vice-chairman

Patrick Flynn, CFO

Wilfred Nagel, CRO

Delfin Rueda, CFO Insurance

Doug Caldwell, CRO Insurance

Dorothee van Vredenburg, corporate development,  
HR, communications

## Additional Information

In a special edition of **ing.world**, ING's quarterly online magazine, Ralph Hamers discusses customers, trust, innovation, courage and more in a video interview. The edition, released today, also highlights Jan Hommen's years as CEO and can be found at [ingworld.ing.com](http://ingworld.ing.com).

Editors can visit the media kit at [ing.com](http://ing.com) for pictures of ING's board members that are free to use. Footage (B-roll) of ING head offices and branches can be downloaded via [videobankonline.com](http://videobankonline.com), or requested by emailing [info@videobankonline.com](mailto:info@videobankonline.com).

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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.

Any forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of ING speak only as of the date they are made, and, ING assumes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information or for any other reason. This document does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities.

**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)

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