

ING GROEP NV  
Form 6-K  
July 14, 2008

**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 July 14, 2008  
Commission File Number 1-14642  
ING Groep N.V.  
Amstelveenseweg 500  
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The Netherlands**

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Form 20-F

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Yes

No

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This Report contains a copy of the following:

- (1) The Press Release issued on July 14, 2008.

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**PRESS RELEASE**

Amsterdam, 14 July 2008

**ING DIRECT receives regulatory approval for public takeover bid for Germany's largest mortgage distributor Interhyp**

ING DIRECT N.V. announced today that it has received regulatory approval from the Dutch Central Bank for the public takeover bid for Interhyp AG, Germany's largest independent residential mortgage distributor. The public takeover bid is therefore no longer subject to any completion conditions.

The Interhyp public tender offer acceptance period expires on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Interhyp shareholders who have tendered their shares to ING DIRECT by that date will be paid no later than eight banking days after that date. ING DIRECT has no minimum requirement for the number of shares that need to be tendered.

ING DIRECT announced its intention to make a public takeover bid for Interhyp on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The tender offer was launched on June 20<sup>th</sup> at EUR 64 per share, valuing the company at EUR 416 million. In addition, Interhyp shareholders were still entitled to the dividend of Interhyp AG for the fiscal year 2007 in the amount of EUR 2.10 per share, plus an additional one time payment of EUR 2.00 per share, which have already been distributed following the shareholder's meeting of Interhyp on 4 June 2008.

This transaction will be booked in the third quarter of 2008.

*For weekly updates on ING DIRECT's public tender offer for Interhyp in English and German, please go to [www.ing-angebot.de](http://www.ing-angebot.de)*

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**ING DIRECT**

*ING DIRECT is a the world's leading direct bank, offering a focused range of simple financial products, namely savings, mortgages, payment accounts and investment products, primarily via direct channels. ING DIRECT was established in Canada in April 1997, and has since successfully launched operations in Spain, Australia, France, USA, Italy, Germany, the UK and Austria. ING DIRECT's mission is to become the world's most preferred consumer bank through strengthening its core products and expanding geographically. It has consistently been one of the world's fastest growing banks, with leading positions in all markets in which it operates. With almost 21 million customers globally, the total client retail balance of ING DIRECT amounted to EUR 307 billion at the end of March 31 2008.*

**About Interhyp**

*With EUR 5.7 billion in new residential mortgage volume in 2007, Interhyp is Germany's leading independent residential mortgage distributor. Interhyp combines the power of the Internet with high quality mortgage advice. More than 250 mortgage consultants can choose among the products of more than 60 mortgage lenders to provide borrowers with rates that are significantly below those of traditional branch-based retail banks. In addition to its direct (internet and telephone-based) channel, Interhyp offers face-to-face advice in its offices in Augsburg, Berlin, Bielefeld, Bremen, Cologne, Dortmund, Dusseldorf, Essen, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hanover, Karlsruhe, Leipzig, Mannheim, Munich, Nuremburg, Stuttgart and Wiesbaden.*

**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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