

ING GROEP NV  
Form 6-K  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For August 4, 2006

Commission File Number 1-14642

**ING Groep N.V.**

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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Amstelveenseweg 500  
1081-KL Amsterdam  
The Netherlands**

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(Address of principal executive office)

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- (1) The Press Release issued on August 4, 2006.

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Amsterdam 4 August 2006

## **ING in talks to sell 83.7% stake in Deutsche Hypothekenbank**

ING Group announced today that it is in discussions with regard to the possible sale of ING's 83.7% stake in Deutsche Hypothekenbank AG, a publicly-listed mortgage bank in Germany which specialises in large-scale commercial financing. Negotiations are ongoing and no further details will be disclosed at this time.

Deutsche Hypothekenbank had total assets of EUR 33.2 billion as of year-end 2005, including a mortgage portfolio of EUR 7.9 billion and EUR 13.9 billion in public-sector loans and bonds. The bank posted an annual net income of EUR 32.7 million last year.

ING acquired the stake in 1999 as part of the purchase of BHF-Bank AG. The potential sale is part of ING Group's strategy to focus on core businesses and allocate capital to those businesses where it can generate the highest returns. The current discussions follow the sale of most of BHF-Bank to Sal. Oppenheim at the end of 2004. ING continues to serve its key Wholesale Banking clients in Germany under the name ING Bank Deutschland AG. ING's direct banking business in Germany, ING DiBa, is not affected by the potential transaction.

Further details will be announced at an appropriate time.

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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.

SIGNATURE

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ING Groep N.V.  
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General Counsel

Dated: August 4, 2006

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