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## **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors  
ING Financial Markets LLC:

We have examined the statements made by ING Financial Markets LLC (the Company), included in the accompanying ING Financial Markets LLC Compliance Report, that (1) the Company's internal control over compliance was effective during the most recent fiscal year ended December 31, 2016; (2) the Company's internal control over compliance was effective as of December 31, 2016; (3) the Company was in compliance with 17 C.F.R. §§ 240.15c3-1 and 240.15c3-3(e) as of December 31, 2016; and (4) the information used to state that the Company was in compliance with 17 C.F.R. §§ 240.15c3-1 and 240.15c3-3(e) was derived from the Company's books and records. The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control over compliance that has the objective of providing the Company with reasonable assurance that non-compliance with 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-1, 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3, 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-13, or the Account Statement Rule (NASD Rule 2340) of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority that requires account statements to be sent to the customers of the Company, will be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's statements based on our examination.

We conducted our examination in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Company's internal control over compliance was effective as of and during the most recent fiscal year ended December 31, 2016; the Company complied with 17 C.F.R. §§ 240.15c3-1 and 240.15c3-3(e) as of December 31, 2016; and the information used to assert compliance with 17 C.F.R. §§ 240.15c3-1 and 240.15c3-3(e) as of December 31, 2016 was derived from the Company's books and records. Our examination includes testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control over compliance, testing and evaluating the Company's compliance with 17 C.F.R. §§ 240.15c3-1 and 240.15c3-3(e), determining whether the information used to assert compliance with 240.15c3-1 and 240.15c3-3(e) was derived from the Company's books and records, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, ING Financial Markets LLC's statements referred to above are fairly stated, in all material respects.

**KPMG LLP**

New York, New York  
February 28, 2017