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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT  
(TO PROSPECTUS DATED JULY 1, 2004)

ING PRIME RATE TRUST

13,804.616 SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

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On December 16, 2004, ING Prime Rate Trust (the "Trust") sold 13,804.616 shares of beneficial interest of the Trust through the Trust's Shareholder Investment Program pursuant to a Distribution Agreement with ING Funds Distributor, LLC ("IFD") at a sales price of \$7.408 per share.

Gross Proceeds.....	\$	102,264.59
Commission to IFD.....	\$	0.00
Net Proceeds to Trust.....	\$	102,264.59

On December 15, 2004, the last day of the corresponding pricing period, the last reported sales price of the Shares on the NYSE was \$7.53.

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The Date of this Prospectus Supplement is December 21, 2004.