

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC

Form FWP

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FINAL TERM SHEET

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| Issuing Entity:             | Principal Life Income Fundings<br>Trust 17   |
| Description of Securities:  | FA-Backed Fixed Rate Senior<br>Notes   |
| Expected Ratings:           | Aa2 / AA (Stable / Stable)   |
| Size:                       | \$350,000,000  |
| Trade Date:                 | February 23, 2006  |
| Maturity:                   | March 1, 2011  |
| Settlement:                 | February 28, 2006 (T+3)  |
| Coupon:                     | 5.125%   |
| Yield*:                     | 5.182%   |
| Benchmark Treasury:         | 4.25% due 1/15/2011  |
| Spread to Benchmark*:       | 58 basis points  |
| Benchmark Price and Yield*: | 98-15 to yield 5.182%  |
| Redemption / Call Features: | N/A  |
| CUSIP:                      | 74254PLA8  |
| Public Offering Price*:     | 99.751   |
| Discounts:                  | 0.315%   |
| Proceeds to Issuing Entity: | \$348,026,000 (99.436%)  |
| Coupon Payment Dates:       | Semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing<br>September 1, 2006 and ending on the Maturity Date |
| Day Count:                  | 30/360   |
| Minimum Denominations:      | \$1,000 by \$1,000   |
| Billing and Delivery:       | Goldman, Sachs & Co.   |

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| Bookrunners: | Banc of America Securities LLC        | 47.5% |
|              | Goldman, Sachs & Co.                  | 47.5% |
| Co-Managers: | Barclays Capital Inc.                 | 1.25% |
|              | Credit Suisse Securities<br>(USA) LLC | 1.25% |
|              | Lehman Brothers Inc.                  | 1.25% |
|              | Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC         | 1.25% |

*\* Please note that the above terms apply as of the time of pricing*

Principal Life Insurance Company ( PLIC ), as statutory issuer and depositor, and Principal Financial Group, Inc. ( PFG ) have filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents PLIC and PFG have filed with the SEC for more complete information about PLIC, PFG, and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, PLIC, PFG, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling toll-free 1-866-375-2526.