Pricing Supplement Dated 5/12/2008 (To Prospectus dated November 21, 2007, and Prospectus Supplement dated November 21, 2007)

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(PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP LOGO)

Principal Life Insurance Company

Principal® Life CoreNotes® (Callable) (That are also Asset-Backed Securities) Issued Through and Obligations of Principal Life Income Fundings Trust 2008-37 (the "Trust" and "Issuing Entity")

The description of this pricing supplement of the particular terms of the Principal® Life CoreNotes® offered hereby, and the Funding Agreement (specified below) issued by Principal Life Insurance Company ("Principal Life") to the Trust, the payment obligations of which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Guarantee (specified below) issued by Principal Financial Group, Inc. to the Trust, supplements the description of the general terms and provisions of the notes, the funding agreements and the guarantees set forth in the accompanying prospectus and prospectus supplement, to which reference is hereby made..

## 1. The Notes

Principal Amount: Issue Price:	TBD 100.0%	Purchasing Agent Discount: Original Issue Date:	1.300% 5/21/2008
Net Proceeds to the Trust:	TBD	Stated Maturity Date:	5/16/2016
Interest Payment Dates: Initial Interest Payment Date: Regular Record Date: Type of Interest Rate:	11/15/2008	rery sixth month commencing on 11/15/2008 rior to the Interest Payment Date [] Floating Rate	
Interest Rate: Discount Note:	5.55% [ ]Yes	[X] No	
Terms of Survivor's Option: Annual Put Limitation: Individual Put Limitation: Trust Put Limitation:		[X] \$2,000,000 or 2%; or [] \$ or% [x] \$250,000; or [] \$ [X] 2%; or \$	
Redemption Provisions: Initial Redemption Date: Redemption: Additional Other Terms:	[X]Yes 5/15/2010 [X] In whole only [] May be in whol Any redemption da Redemption Date		the Initial
Repayment: Authorized Denominations:	[]Yes \$1,000	[X] No.	

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The Notes issued under the Program are rated AA by Standard & Poor's ("S&P").

Principal Life expects the Notes to be rated Aa2 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's").

Purchasing Agent(s) Purchasing Notes as	[X] Yes	[ ] No	If Yes,
Principal:			

Pu	rchasing Agent(s)	Principal Amount
Ме	errill Lynch	TBD
То	tal:	TBD
State of Organization of th Trust:	he New York	
Additional/Other Terms:	None	
2. <u>The Funding Agreeme</u>	<u>ent</u>	
Funding Agreement Issue	r: Principal Life Insurance Company	
Funding Agreement No.:	7-9750	

Additional/Other Terms:	None	
2. <u>The Funding Agreement</u>		
Funding Agreement Issuer:	Principal Life Ins	surance Company
Funding Agreement No.:	7-9750	
Deposit:	\$15.0	
Net Deposit:	TBD	
Effective Date:	5/21/2008	
Stated Maturity Date:	5/16/2016	
Interest Payment Dates:	The 15th day of e	every sixth month commencing on 11/15/2008
Initial Interest Payment Date:	11/15/2008	
Type of Interest Rate:	[X] Fixed Rate	[] Floating Rate
Interest Rate:	5.55%	
Discount Funding Agreement:	[]Yes	[X] No
Terms of Survivor's Option: Annual Put Limitation:		[X] \$2,000,000 or 2%; or
Individual Put Limitation:		[ ] \$ or% [x] \$250,000; or [ ] \$
Trust Put Limitation:		[ ] \$ [X] 2%; or \$

Redemption: Initial Redemption Date: Redemption: Additional Other Terms:	[] May be in w	1	If Yes, terest Payment Date falling on or after the Initial Redemption
Repayment:	[]Yes	[X] No.	
Ratings:			

The Funding Agreement issued under the Program is rated AA by S&P. Principal Life expects the Funding Agreement to be rated Aa2 by Moody's.

Additional/Other Terms:	None
3. <u>The Guarantee</u>	
Guarantee Issuer:	Principal Financial Group, Inc.
Effective Date:	5/21/2008
Additional/Other Terms:	None