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## Various Rating Actions Taken In Spanish RMBS Transaction BBVA RMBS 11 Following Restructuring

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### OVERVIEW

- As part of BBVA RMBS 11's restructuring, the issuer lowered the required reserve fund balance to €70 million. At the same time, it removed the secondary reserve fund, which was in place to cover senior expenses and interest on the class A notes.
- Following our credit and cash flow analysis of the new structure, we have taken various rating actions in the transaction.
- BBVA RMBS 11 is a Spanish RMBS transaction, which securitizes a portfolio of first-ranking mortgage loans granted to Spanish residents.

MADRID (Standard & Poor's) Oct. 30, 2015--Standard & Poor's Ratings Services today took various credit rating actions in BBVA RMBS 11, Fondo de Titulizacion de Activos.

Specifically, we have:

- Affirmed our 'A- (sf)' rating on the class A notes,
- Raised to 'BBB (sf)' from 'BBB- (sf)' our rating on the class B notes, and
- Lowered to 'B+ (sf)' from 'BB (sf)' our rating on the class C notes (see list below).

Today's rating actions follow a restructuring of the transaction whereby the issuer lowered the required reserve fund balance to €70.0 million from €178.5 million. Consequently, the available credit enhancement the reserve fund provides has been reduced to 5.80% from 14.79% of the notes' balance. Before the restructuring took place, the reserve fund was at its required level of

€178.5 million. At the same time, the issuer removed the secondary reserve fund, which was in place to cover senior expenses and interest on the class A notes.

As with other Spanish transactions, interest and principal are combined into a single priority of payments.

The results of our credit and cash flow analysis show that available credit enhancement for the class A notes is commensurate with a 'A (sf)' rating. However, our rating on the class notes is still capped at 'A- (sf)' by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. (BBVA) as bank account provider. Therefore, we have affirmed our 'A- (sf)' rating on the class A notes. The class B notes are able to withstand the credit and cash flow stresses up to the 'BBB' rating level following the restructure. Before the restructuring, the class B notes' interest ranked subordinate to the replenishment of the secondary reserve fund, which provided liquidity support for the class A notes. As the secondary reserve fund is now being removed as part of the restructure, the transaction no longer traps excess spread to replenish the secondary reserve fund, thereby increasing the liquidity available to the class B notes. We have raised to 'BBB (sf)' from 'BBB- (sf)' our rating on the class B notes to reflect this increased liquidity. The available credit enhancement for the class C notes is no longer commensurate with its current rating. We have therefore lowered to 'B+ (sf)' from 'BB (sf)' our rating on the class C notes.

Delinquency levels in the portfolio backing this transaction are very low and stable. Arrears of 90+ days arrears represent only 0.52% of the outstanding balance of the pool and total arrears represent 1.50% of the outstanding collateral balance, which is well below the Spanish RMBS index residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) index (see "Spanish RMBS Index Report Q2 2015: Index Composition Boosts Collateral Performance Slightly," published on Sept. 11, 2015).

#### Counterparty Risk

We consider that the transaction's documented replacement mechanisms adequately mitigate its counterparty risk exposure to BBVA, as bank account provider, up to a 'A-' rating level under our current counterparty criteria (see "Counterparty Risk Framework Methodology And Assumptions," published on June 25, 2013). The transaction is exposed to the risk of cash collections becoming commingled in BBVA's account. If our long-term rating on BBVA falls below 'BB+', within 10 calendar days, BBVA should deposit in the issuer's bank account an amount equal to the commingling reserve amount to be applied to pay any amounts that the servicer fails to pay the issuer for the loans. According to our current counterparty criteria, setting up this commingling reserve fully mitigates commingling risk. The rating on the class A notes is capped at 'A- (sf)' by our counterparty criteria.

#### Sovereign Risk

Under our criteria for rating single-jurisdiction securitizations above the sovereign foreign currency rating (RAS criteria), we applied a hypothetical sovereign default stress test to determine whether a tranche has sufficient

credit and structural support to withstand a sovereign default and so repay timely interest and principal by legal final maturity (see "Methodology And Assumptions For Ratings Above The Sovereign--Single-Jurisdiction Structured Finance," published on May 29, 2015). The class A notes have sufficient credit enhancement to withstand our "severe" stresses (see "Understanding Standard & Poor's Rating Definitions," published on June 3, 2009 for our definitions of severe levels of economic stress). However, they do not pass all of the conditions under paragraph 44 of the RAS criteria. Consequently, our RAS criteria permit a maximum four-notch ratings uplift above the sovereign rating for the class A notes. In combination with the cap under our current counterparty criteria, we have affirmed our 'A- (sf)' rating on the class A notes.

The results of our cash flow analysis indicate that available credit enhancement for the class B notes is commensurate with a 'BBB (sf)' credit rating. Therefore, we have raised to 'BBB (sf)' from 'BBB- (sf)' our rating on the class B notes. The results of our cash flow analysis indicate that available credit enhancement for the class C notes is no longer commensurate with its current rating. Therefore, we have lowered to 'B+ (sf)' from 'BB (sf)' our rating on the class C notes.

#### RELATED CRITERIA AND RESEARCH

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- Understanding Standard & Poor's Rating Definitions, June 3, 2009

##### Related Research

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- 2015 EMEA RMBS Scenario And Sensitivity Analysis, Aug. 6, 2015

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RATINGS LIST

Class	To	Rating	From
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BBVA RMBS 11, Fondo de Titulización de Activos  
€1.385 Billion Mortgage-Backed Floating-Rate Notes

Rating Affirmed

A	A-	(sf)	
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Rating Raised

B	BBB	(sf)	BBB-	(sf)
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Rating Lowered

C	B+	(sf)	BB	(sf)
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