

**Rating Action: Moody's takes actions on multiple Spanish RMBS notes' ratings in eight transactions**

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London, 21 October 2015 -- Moody's Investors Service has today taken rating actions on eight Spanish residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) transactions.

Specifically, Moody's has upgraded fourteen notes, downgraded one note and affirmed five notes.

Please refer to the end of the Ratings Rationale section for a list of affected ratings.

**RATINGS RATIONALE**

Today's rating upgrades reflect (1) deleveraging of the transactions and (2) the improvement of key collateral assumptions for four transactions.

Today's rating downgrade reflects a deterioration in the credit enhancement available since the last review.

Today's rating affirmations reflect that the current credit enhancement available is commensurate with the current ratings.

**--DELEVERAGING OF TRANSACTIONS**

Repayment of principal collections has contributed to increase credit enhancement. In addition increased excess spread has contributed to reduce the level of the principal deficiency ledger (PDL) in FTA Santander Hipotecario 2 and BBVA RMBS 1, FTA or to replenish gradually the reserve fund in Valencia Hipotecario 2, FTH.

**--- CHANGES IN KEY COLLATERAL ASSUMPTIONS**

We have reduced our lifetime loss expectations as a percentage of the original pool balance in UCI 5, FTH to 0.15% from 0.20%, in UCI 6, FTA to 0.20% from 0.26%, in TdA Ibercaja ICO-FTVPO, FTH to 1.14% from 2.4% and in FTA Santander Hipotecario 2 to 3.39% from 4%.

Additionally we have decreased the MILAN CE assumptions in TDA Ibercaja ICO-FTVPO, FTH to 7.5% from 12.5% and in FTA Santander Hipotecario 2 to 20% from 25%.

Our collateral performance outlook for Spanish RMBS remains stable. The recent favorable economic conditions are being reflected in a general improvement in terms of delinquencies among the Spanish borrowers.

Due to reduced uncertainty in the sector, we have removed the additional stress analysis of key collateral assumptions.

**--DETERIORATION IN THE CREDIT ENHANCEMENT**

In the case of GC Pastor Hipotecario 5, FTH there has been a deterioration in the credit enhancement available since April 2013, when the last rating action took place. With the cumulative defaults still increasing and with current level of excess spread, the PDL has built up to EUR28.39 Million as of July 2015 from EUR15.67 Million in the reporting date of March 2013. The transaction historically performed worse than the average Spanish RMBS rated by Moody's, partially explained by the presence in the underlying pool at close of loans granted to small and medium enterprises.

**Principal methodology:**

The principal methodology used in these ratings was "Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework" published in January 2015. Please see the Credit Policy page on [www.moody's.com](http://www.moody's.com) for a copy of this methodology.

The analysis undertaken by Moody's at the initial assignment of ratings for RMBS securities may focus on

aspects that become less relevant or typically remain unchanged during the surveillance stage. Please see Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework for further information on Moody's analysis at the initial rating assignment and the on-going surveillance in RMBS.

#### FACTORS THAT WOULD LEAD TO AN UPGRADE OR DOWNGRADE OF THE RATINGS:

Factors or circumstances that could lead to an upgrade of the ratings are (1) performance of the underlying collateral that exceeds Moody's expectations; (2) deleveraging of the capital structure; and (3) improvements in the credit quality of the transaction counterparties.

Factors or circumstances that could lead to a downgrade of the ratings are (1) an increased probability of high loss scenarios owing to a downgrade of the country ceiling; (2) performance of the underlying collateral that does not meet Moody's expectations; (3) deterioration in the notes' available CE; and (4) deterioration in the credit quality of the transaction counterparties.

#### LIST OF AFFECTED RATINGS

Issuer: BBVA RMBS 1, FTA

...EUR1400M A2 Notes, Affirmed Aa2 (sf); previously on Feb 12, 2015 Upgraded to Aa2 (sf)

...EUR495M A3 Notes, Upgraded to Aa2 (sf); previously on Feb 12, 2015 Upgraded to Aa3 (sf)

...EUR120M B Notes, Upgraded to Ba1 (sf); previously on Feb 12, 2015 Upgraded to Ba2 (sf)

...EUR85M C Notes, Affirmed Caa3 (sf); previously on Sep 24, 2014 Affirmed Caa3 (sf)

Issuer: FTA SANTANDER HIPOTECARIO 2

...EUR1801.5M A Notes, Upgraded to Aa2 (sf); previously on Jan 23, 2015 Upgraded to A1 (sf)

...EUR51.8M B Notes, Upgraded to A3 (sf); previously on Jan 23, 2015 Upgraded to Baa3 (sf)

...EUR32.3M C Notes, Upgraded to Ba1 (sf); previously on Jan 23, 2015 Affirmed B2 (sf)

...EUR49.8M D Notes, Affirmed Caa2 (sf); previously on Oct 20, 2014 Affirmed Caa2 (sf)

Issuer: GC PASTOR HIPOTECARIO 5, FTH

...EUR492.8M A2 Notes, Downgraded to B1 (sf); previously on Apr 5, 2013 Downgraded to Ba2 (sf)

Issuer: TDA IBERCAJA ICO-FTVPO, FTH

...EUR409.5M A (G) Notes, Upgraded to Aa2 (sf); previously on Jan 23, 2015 Upgraded to Aa3 (sf)

Issuer: RURAL HIPOTECARIO XI, FTA

...EUR2113.1M A Notes, Upgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Jan 23, 2015 Affirmed Baa1 (sf)

...EUR25.3M B Notes, Upgraded to Baa2 (sf); previously on Jan 23, 2015 Upgraded to Ba3 (sf)

...EUR61.6M C Notes, Upgraded to B1 (sf); previously on Jan 23, 2015 Affirmed Caa1 (sf)

Issuer: UCI 5, FTH

...EUR253M A Notes, Affirmed Aa2 (sf); previously on Jan 23, 2015 Upgraded to Aa2 (sf)

...EUR12M B Notes, Upgraded to Aa2 (sf); previously on Jan 23, 2015 Upgraded to Aa3 (sf)

Issuer: UCI 6, FTA

...EUR436.4M A Notes, Affirmed Aa2 (sf); previously on Jan 23, 2015 Upgraded to Aa2 (sf)

...EUR20.6M B Notes, Upgraded to Aa3 (sf); previously on Jan 23, 2015 Upgraded to A2 (sf)

Issuer: VALENCIA HIPOTECARIO 2, FTH

...EUR909.5M A Notes, Upgraded to Aa2 (sf); previously on Jan 23, 2015 Upgraded to Aa3 (sf)

...EUR21.2M B Notes, Upgraded to A3 (sf); previously on Jan 23, 2015 Upgraded to Baa3 (sf)

...EUR9.4M C Notes, Upgraded to Ba2 (sf); previously on Jan 23, 2015 Affirmed B3 (sf)

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