

Rating Action: Moody's takes an action on one class of Spanish RMBS notes issued by BBVA RMBS 9, FTA

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Madrid, October 30, 2015 -- Moody's Investors Service has today affirmed the rating of BBVA RMBS 9, FTA's class A notes. This rating action follows Moody's review of the recent structural changes to BBVA RMBS 9, FTA and concluded that these amendments have neutral impact on the rating of the class A notes:

Issuer: BBVA RMBS 9, FTA

...EUR870.2M A Notes, Affirmed Aa2 (sf); previously on Jul 10, 2015 Upgraded to Aa2 (sf)

RATINGS RATIONALE

The structural amendments relate to a reduction of the size of the reserve fund from 20.5% of the initial amount of the notes at closing to 5.0% of the initial amount of the notes at closing.

Additionally, the only existing class of notes has been partially amortised to 870.2M (86.14% of its balance pre-restructuring) by means of a subordinated loan granted by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A. amounting to 140M (13.86% of the balance of the notes pre-restructuring).

Interest spread of the new subordinated loan is 0.15%, its amortization will be postponed to class A notes at all times and interest deferral trigger of this subordinated loan will be prompt if cumulative defaults reach 10.00% of the initial balance of the mortgages at origination.

In reaching this conclusion, Moody's has taken into consideration the characteristics of the mortgage pool, the current level of credit enhancement and the level of credit enhancement that will be present in the transaction after the amendments have taken place, together with the amount of liquidity within the transaction given by the new reserve fund level. However, Moody's opinion addresses only the credit impact associated with the amendment, and Moody's is not expressing any opinion as to whether the amendment has, or could have, other non-credit related effects that may have a detrimental impact on the interests of note holders and/or counterparties.

The key collateral assumptions have not been updated as part of this restructuring. The performance of the underlying asset portfolio remains in line with Moody's assumptions.

Moody's rating analysis also took into consideration the exposure to key transaction counterparties, including the roles of servicer and account bank provided by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A. (Baa1(cr)/P-2(cr)).

Moody's Parameter Sensitivities provide a quantitative/model-indicated calculation of the number of rating notches that a Moody's structured finance security may vary if certain input parameters used in the initial rating process differed.

The analysis assumes that the deal has not aged and is not intended to measure how the rating of the security might migrate over time, but rather how the initial rating of the security might have differed if key rating input parameters were varied. Parameter Sensitivities for the typical EMEA RMBS transaction are calculated by stressing key variable inputs in Moody's primary rating model.

At the time the deal was restructured, the model output indicated that the new class A notes would have achieved an Aa2 if the expected loss was as high as 6.8% and the MILAN CE was 20.0% and all other factors were constant.

The principal methodology used in this rating was Moody's Approach To Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework published in January 2015. Please see the Credit Policy page on www.moody.com for a copy of this methodology.

The analysis undertaken by Moody's at the initial assignment of a rating for an RMBS security 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.

Moody's will continue monitoring the rating. Any change in the rating will be publicly disseminated by Moody's through appropriate media.

The rating addresses the expected loss posed to investors by the legal final maturity of the notes. In Moody's opinion, the structure allows for timely payment of interest with respect of the class A and ultimate payment of principal by the legal final maturity. Moody's ratings only address the credit risk associated with the transaction. Other non-credit risks have not been addressed, but may have a significant effect on yield to investors.

TRANSACTION FEATURES

The transaction is a securitisation of Spanish prime mortgage loans originated by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.(Baa1(cr)/P-2(cr)) to obligors located in Spain. The portfolio consists of high Loan To Value ("HLTV") mortgage loans secured by residential properties.

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For further specification of Moody's key rating assumptions and sensitivity analysis, see the sections Methodology Assumptions and Sensitivity to Assumptions of the disclosure form.

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