

**Rating Action: Moody's downgrades seven notes and confirms two notes in three Spanish RMBS transactions**

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Madrid, May 20, 2013 -- Moody's Investors Service has today downgraded the ratings of seven notes in three Spanish residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) transactions: Serie AyT C.G.H. Caja Granada I, Serie AyT C.G.H. Caixa Galicia I and Rural Hipotecario V FTA. At the same time, Moody's confirmed the ratings of two securities in the three deals. Insufficiency of credit enhancement to address sovereign risk have prompted today's downgrade actions. For Rural Hipotecario V also structural features, in particular the lack of interest rate hedging, has driven the downgrade of Class A1 rating from A3(sf) to Baa1(sf).

Today's rating action concludes the review of seven notes placed on review on 2 July 2012, following Moody's downgrade of Spanish government bond ratings to Baa3 from A3 on 13 June 2012. This rating action also concludes the review of one note placed on review on 23 November 2012, following Moody's revision of key collateral assumptions for the entire Spanish RMBS market ([http://www.moody.com/research/Moodys-review-of-Spanish-RMBS-sector-triggers-rating-actions-on--PR\\_260528](http://www.moody.com/research/Moodys-review-of-Spanish-RMBS-sector-triggers-rating-actions-on--PR_260528)).

For a detailed list of affected ratings, see towards the end of the press release, before regulatory disclosures.

**RATINGS RATIONALE**

Today's rating action primarily reflects the insufficiency of credit enhancement to address sovereign risk. Moody's confirmed the ratings of securities whose credit enhancement and structural features provided enough protection against sovereign risk.

The determination of the applicable credit enhancement driving today's rating actions reflects the introduction of additional factors in Moody's analysis to better measure the impact of sovereign risk on structured finance transactions (see "Structured Finance Transactions: Assessing the Impact of Sovereign Risk", 11 March 2013). This report is available on [www.moody.com](http://www.moody.com) and can be accessed via the following link [http://www.moody.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBS\\_SF319988](http://www.moody.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBS_SF319988).

**-- Additional Factors Better Reflect Increased Sovereign Risk**

Moody's has supplemented its analysis to determine the loss distribution of securitised portfolios with two additional factors, the maximum achievable rating in a given country (the local currency country risk ceiling) and the applicable portfolio credit enhancement for this rating. With the introduction of these additional factors, Moody's intends to better reflect increased sovereign risk in its quantitative analysis, in particular for mezzanine and junior tranches.

The Spanish country ceiling, and therefore the maximum rating that Moody's will assign to a domestic Spanish issuer including structured finance transactions backed by Spanish receivables, is A3. Moody's Individual Loan Analysis Credit Enhancement (MILAN CE) represents the required credit enhancement under the senior tranche for it to achieve the country ceiling. By lowering the maximum achievable rating for a given MILAN, the revised methodology alters the loss distribution curve and implies an increased probability of high loss scenarios.

In all three affected transactions, Moody's maintained the current expected loss and MILAN CE assumptions. Expected loss assumptions remain at 3.00% for Serie AyT CGH Caja Granada I, 2.30% for Serie AyT CGH Caixa Galicia I and 0.54% for Rural Hipotecario V. The MILAN CE assumptions remain at 15.0% for Serie AyT CGH Caja Granada I, 12.5% for Serie AyT CGH Caixa Galicia I and 10.0% for Rural Hipotecario V.

**-- Other Developments May Negatively Affect the Notes**

In consideration of Moody's new adjustments, any further sovereign downgrade would negatively affect structured finance ratings through the application of the country ceiling or maximum achievable rating, as well as potentially increased portfolio credit enhancement requirements for a given rating.

As the euro area crisis continues, the ratings of structured finance notes remain exposed to the uncertainties of

credit conditions in the general economy. The deteriorating creditworthiness of euro area sovereigns as well as the weakening credit profile of the global banking sector could further negatively affect the ratings of the notes.

Moody's describes additional factors that may affect the ratings in "Approach to Assessing Linkage to Swap Counterparties in Structured Finance Cashflow Transactions: Request for Comment" ([http://www.moody.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBS\\_SF289772](http://www.moody.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBS_SF289772)), published on 2 July 2012.

The methodologies used in these ratings were Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework, published in March 2013 and The Temporary Use of Cash in Structured Finance Transactions: Eligible Investment and Bank Guidelines, published in March 2013. Please see the Credit Policy page on [www.moody.com](http://www.moody.com) for a copy of these methodologies.

In reviewing these transactions, Moody's used ABSROM to model the cash flows and determine the loss for each tranche. The cash flow model evaluates all default scenarios that are then weighted considering the probabilities of the lognormal distribution assumed for the portfolio default rate. In each default scenario, Moody's calculates the corresponding loss for each class of notes given the incoming cash flows from the assets and the outgoing payments to third parties and noteholders. Therefore, the expected loss or EL for each tranche is the sum product of (1) the probability of occurrence of each default scenario; and (2) the loss derived from the cash flow model in each default scenario for each tranche.

As such, Moody's analysis encompasses the assessment of stressed scenarios.

In the context of the rating review, the transactions have been remodeled and some inputs have been adjusted to reflect the new approach described above. In addition, the following inputs have been corrected in the three transactions: the trigger inputs switching the priority of payments and the reserve fund amortization mechanism.

#### LIST OF AFFECTED RATINGS

Issuer: AyT Colaterales Global Hipotecario, FTA Caixa Galicia I

...EUR826.2MA Notes, Confirmed at A3 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Downgraded to A3 (sf) and Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

...EUR36.9MB Notes, Downgraded to Ba1 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Baa2 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

...EUR21.6MC Notes, Downgraded to B3 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Ba3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

Issuer: AyT Colaterales Global Hipotecario, FTA Caja Granada I

...EUR369.1MA Notes, Downgraded to Baa1 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Downgraded to A3 (sf) and Remained On Review for Possible Downgrade

...EUR18MB Notes, Downgraded to B3 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Ba1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

...EUR8MC Notes, Confirmed at Caa3 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Caa3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

Issuer: RURAL HIPOTECARIO V FTA

...EUR566.8MA1 Notes, Downgraded to Baa1 (sf); previously on Nov 23, 2012 Confirmed at A3 (sf)

...EUR18.8MB Notes, Downgraded to Ba2 (sf); previously on Nov 23, 2012 Downgraded to Baa1 (sf) and Remained On Review for Possible Downgrade

...EUR9.4MC Notes, Downgraded to B1 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Baa3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

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