Fitch Downgrades and Places on RWN 7 CDO Tranches with Exposure to Spain

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Fitch Ratings-London-12 October 2011: Fitch Ratings has downgraded five tranches and placed two tranches on Rating Watch Negative (RWN) due to exposure to Spain and guarantees by the Kingdom of Spain (’AA-’/Negative/F1+) as follows:

FTPyme Bancaja 6, FTA
EUR70.4m class A3(G) (ISIN ES0339735021): downgraded to ’AA-sf’ from ’AA+sf’; Outlook Negative

FTPyme TDA 5, FTA
EUR12.0m series 2CA (ISIN ES0339741011): downgraded to ’AAsf’ from ’AA+sf’; Outlook Stable

FTPyme TDA 6, FTA
EUR 20.4m class 2CA (ISIN ES0339742019): downgraded to ’AA-sf’ from ’AA+sf’; Outlook Negative

FTPyme TDA CAM 4, FTA
EUR127.0m class A3(CA) (ISIN:ES0339759021): downgraded to ’AA-sf’ from ’AA+sf’, Outlook Negative

Santander Publico 1 F.T.A
EUR40.3m class A (ISIN:ES0338185004): downgraded to ’AA-sf’ from ’AAsf’; removed from RWN, Outlook Negative

BBVA-5 FTPyme, FTA
EUR26.8m class A3(G) (ISIN ES0370459028): ’AA+sf’; placed on RWN

BBVA-6 FTPyme, FTA
EUR93.8 class A2(G) (ISIN ES0370460018): ’AA+sf’; placed on RWN

The downgrades of FTPyme Bancaja 6, FTA class A3(G), FTPyme TDA 6, FTA class 2CA and FTPyme TDA CAM 4, FTA class A3(CA) all reflect the reliance of these tranches on the guarantee provided by the Kingdom of Spain.

While Santander Publico 1 F.T.A’s class A notes are not explicitly guaranteed by the Kingdom of Spain, the underlying portfolio is comprised of loans to a variety of public service providers in Spain including local governments, municipalities, autonomous communities and others such as universities. The credit profile of these public service providers is closely tied to the sovereign rating which effectively caps the rating of Santander Publico 1 F.T.A’s notes at Spain’s rating.

The downgrade of FTPyme TDA 5, FTA series 2CA to ’AAsf’ from ’AA+sf’ reflects the standalone rating of this tranche based on available credit enhancement provided by subordination of 39.0%, transaction performance and high portfolio security levels. As of the August 2011 investor report, 95.9% of the current portfolio is secured on mortgage collateral with a weighted average loan-to-value (LTV) of 35.1%.

BBVA-5 FTPyme, FTA’s class A3(G) notes and BBVA-6 FTPyme, FTA’s class A2(G) notes are placed on RWN while the agency completes its surveillance review for these transactions. The RWN are expected to be resolved within the next few weeks.

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