Rating Action: Moody's upgrades 200 tranches' ratings in 93 Spanish RMBS deals

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108 notes' ratings affirmed and 5 placed on review for downgrade

London, 14 May 2016 -- Moody's Investors Service has today upgraded the ratings of 200 tranches and affirmed 108 tranches in 93 Spanish RMBS transactions. In addition, 5 tranches in 2 transactions have been placed on review for downgrade.

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Maximum achievable rating for Spain is Aa2(sf) for structured transactions in Spain, driven by Local Currency Ceiling (Aa2) of the country.

RATINGS RATIONALE

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•Key Rationale for Action / review placement and Constraining Factor(s)

Upgrades are prompted by an increase in the credit enhancement available for the affected tranches and in some cases due to a decrease of the key collateral assumptions, namely the portfolio Expected Loss (EL) and Milan CE.

Ratings have been affirmed when credit enhancement available is commensurate with current rating levels.

The placement on review for downgrade of the notes of 2 deals has been driven, for one transaction, by the deterioration in the performance and due to updated information on the collateralized pool's composition in the other transaction.

--Revision of Key Collateral Assumptions:

As part of the rating action, Moody's reassessed its lifetime loss expectation for the portfolio reflecting the collateral performance to date.

Moody's updated the MILAN CE assumption based on updated loan by loan data on the underlying pools and also due to the Minimum Expected Loss Multiple, a floor defined in Moody's updated methodology for rating EMEA RMBS transactions.

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--Increase in Available Credit Enhancement:

The increase in the available credit enhancement may be explained by deleveraging (e.x. sequential amortization and/or non-amortizing reserve funds and/or trapping of excess spread) and, in some cases, driven by the replenishment of the Reserve Funds which were partially or fully drawn in prior payment dates.

Counterparty Exposure:

Today's rating actions took into consideration the notes' exposure to relevant counterparties, such as servicer, account banks or swap providers.

Moody's considered how the liquidity available in the transactions and other mitigants support continuity of
note payments, in case of servicer default, using the CR Assessment as a reference point for servicers.

Moody's matches banks' exposure in structured finance transactions to the CR Assessment for commingling risk, and to the bank deposit rating when analyzing set-off risk. Moody's has introduced a recovery rate assumption of 45% for both exposures.

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Moody's also assessed the default probability of the transaction(s)'s account bank providers by referencing the bank's deposit rating.

Moody's assessed the exposure to the swap counterparties. Moody's analysis considered the risks of additional losses on the notes if they were to become unhedged following a swap counterparty default by using the CR Assessment as reference point for swap counterparties.

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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 Ratings Methodologies page on www.moodys.com for a copy of this methodology.

The analysis undertaken by Moody's at the initial assignment of these 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 include (1) performance of the underlying collateral that is better than Moody's expected, (2) deleveraging of the capital structure and (3) improvements in the credit quality of the transaction counterparties and (4) a decrease in sovereign risk.

Factors or circumstances that could lead to a downgrade of the ratings include (1) an increase in sovereign risk (2) performance of the underlying collateral that is worse than Moody's expected, (3) deterioration in the notes' available credit enhancement and (4) deterioration in the credit quality of the transaction counterparties.

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