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**Hecho Relevante de BBVA RMBS 13 FONDO DE TITULIZACIÓN DE ACTIVOS**

En virtud de lo establecido en el apartado 4.1.4 del Módulo Adicional a la Nota de Valores del Folleto Informativo de **BBVA RMBS 13 Fondo de Titulización de Activos** (el "**Fondo**") se comunica a la COMISIÓN NACIONAL DEL MERCADO DE VALORES el presente hecho relevante:

- La Agencia de Calificación **Standard & Poor's Ratings Services** ("**S&P**"), con fecha 14 de marzo de 2016, comunica que ha elevado la calificación asignada a la siguiente Serie de Bonos emitidos por el Fondo:
  - **Serie A**: **A (sf)** (anterior **A- (sf)**)

  El rating asignado a la restante Serie de Bonos permanece sin cambios:
  - **Serie B**: **BBB (sf)**

  Se adjunta la comunicación emitida por S&P.

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# Rating Raised On Spanish RMBS Transaction BBVA RMBS 13's Class A Notes Following Sovereign Upgrade

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OVERVIEW

On Oct. 2, 2015, we raised to 'BBB+' from 'BBB' our long-term sovereign rating on Spain.
Following the application of our updated criteria for rating single-jurisdiction securitizations above the sovereign foreign currency rating, we have raised to 'A (sf)' from 'A- (sf)' our rating on BBVA RMBS 13's class A notes.
BBVA RMBS 13 is a Spanish RMBS transaction, which closed in July 2014. The collateral comprises Spanish residential mortgage loans, for which BBVA is the originator and servicer.

MADRID (Standard & Poor's) March 14, 2016--Standard & Poor's Ratings Services today raised to 'A (sf)' from 'A- (sf)' its credit rating on BBVA RMBS 13, Fondo de Titulizacion de Activos' class A notes. The class B notes remain unaffected.

Today's upgrade follows our Oct. 2, 2015 raising to 'BBB+' from 'BBB' of our long-term sovereign rating on Spain (see "Kingdom of Spain Upgraded To 'BBB+' On Reforms; Outlook Stable," published on Oct. 2, 2015).

We have applied our updated criteria for rating single-jurisdiction securitizations above the sovereign foreign currency rating (RAS criteria), our Spanish residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) criteria, and our current counterparty criteria (see "Methodology And Assumptions For Ratings Above The Sovereign--Single-Jurisdiction Structured Finance," published on May 29, 2015, "Italy And Spain RMBS Methodology And Assumptions," published on Sept. 18, 2014, and "Counterparty Risk Framework Methodology And Assumptions," published on June 25, 2013).

Under our RAS criteria, we applied a hypothetical sovereign default stress test to determine whether a tranche has sufficient credit and structural support to withstand a sovereign default and so repay timely interest and principal by legal final maturity.

Our RAS criteria designate the country risk sensitivity for RMBS as moderate. Under our RAS criteria, this transaction's notes can therefore be rated four notches above the sovereign rating, if they have sufficient credit enhancement to pass a minimum of a severe stress. As not all six of the conditions in paragraph 44 of the RAS criteria are met, we cannot assign ratings to the senior-most class of notes higher than four notches above the sovereign rating (see "Understanding Standard & Poor's Rating Definitions," published on June 3, 2009).

Following the application of our RAS criteria, our RMBS criteria, and our current counterparty criteria, we have determined that our assigned rating on each class of notes in this transaction should be the lower of (i) the rating as capped by our RAS criteria, (ii) the rating that the class of notes can attain under our RMBS criteria, and (iii) the rating as capped by our current counterparty criteria.

Credit enhancement for the class A notes, considering nondefaulted assets and the available reserve fund, has increased to 21.6% from 20.2% since our previous review (see "Various Rating Actions Taken In Spanish RMBS Transactions BBVA RMBS 12 And 13 Following Application Of Updated Criteria," published on Jan. 23, 2015).

In line with other transactions backed by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. (BBVA) originated loans, delinquencies (0.85% as of the January 2016 investor report) have remained stable, and are below our Spanish RMBS index (see "Spanish RMBS Index Report Q2 2015: Index Composition Boosts Collateral Performance Slightly," published on Sept. 11, 2015). Cumulative defaults, since closing in July 2014, have accrued up to 0.6% of the closing collateral balance.

Following the application of our credit and cash flow stresses under our RMBS criteria, we consider that the available credit enhancement for the class A notes is commensurate with a 'A+ (sf)' rating. However, they only pass stresses at 'A' rating level under our RAS criteria. Consequently, the maximum uplift from the long-term sovereign rating is two notches. We have therefore raised to 'A (sf)' from 'A- (sf)' our rating on the class A notes.

The transaction is exposed to counterparty risk through BBVA as bank account provider, paying agent, and servicer. Under our current counterparty criteria, the exposure to BBVA as bank account provider is classified as bank account (limited). Under these criteria, the transaction's documented rating requirements for BBVA under its different roles and its replacement mechanisms adequately mitigate its exposure to counterparty risk at the 'A' rating level.

We also consider credit stability in our analysis (see "Methodology: Credit Stability Criteria," published on May 3, 2010). To reflect moderate stress conditions, we adjusted our weighted-average foreclosure frequency (WAFF) assumptions by assuming additional arrears of 8% for one- and three-year horizons, for 30-90 days arrears, and 90+ days arrears. This did not result in our ratings deteriorating below the maximum projected deterioration that we would associate with each relevant rating level, as outlined in our credit stability criteria.

In our opinion, the outlook for the Spanish residential mortgage and real estate market is not benign and we have therefore increased our expected 'B' foreclosure frequency assumption to 3.33% from 2.00%, when we apply our RMBS criteria, to reflect this view (see "Outlook Assumptions For The Spanish Residential Mortgage Market," published on Sept. 18, 2014). We base these assumptions on our expectation of continuing high unemployment in 2016.

Robust economic growth, falling unemployment, and historically low interest rates during 2015 have underpinned the recovery in the RMBS collateral performance. Low inflation is also boosting household purchasing power. Despite positive macroeconomic indicators and low interest rates, persistent high unemployment and low household income ratios continue to constrain the RMBS sector's recovery, in our view.

We expect severe arrears in the portfolio to remain vulnerable to downside risks. These include high unemployment and fiscal tightening. On the positive side, we expect interest rates to remain low for the foreseeable future and stronger economic growth.

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