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DBRS Confirms Ratings to Rural Hipotecario XII, FTA

Industry: Sec.--RMBS

DBRS Ratings Limited (“DBRS”) has reviewed Rural Hipotecario XII, FTA (the “Issuer”) and confirmed the ratings to Series A Notes at ‘A’ (sf).

Rural Hipotecario XII, FTA is a securitisation of first-ranking residential mortgage loans originated by 16 Spanish rural savings banks and serviced by the respective originators. The transaction follows the standard structure under Spanish Securitisation Law and closed in November 2009.

Confirmation of the ratings for Series A Notes is based upon the following analytical considerations:

- Portfolio performance, in terms of defaults and level of delinquencies, as of the 23 December 2013 Payment Date.
- Updated Portfolio Default Rate, Loss Given Default and Expected Loss for the remaining collateral pool.
- Current available credit enhancement to the rated notes to cover the expected losses at the ‘A’ (sf) rating level.

The Series A Notes are rated for timely payment of interest and ultimate payment of principal.

As of the 23 December 2013 payment date, current 90+ delinquency ratio (excluding defaulted loans) as a percentage of the performing balance of the portfolio was 2.48% and has decreased from 2.86% observed at the date of the initial DBRS rating on 8 February 2013. The most recent cumulative default ratio is 0.99% and is within DBRS expectations.

Credit enhancement for Series A Notes is provided by the subordination of Series B and Series C Notes and an amortising Cash Reserve (currently equal to 5.5% of the aggregate outstanding principal balance of the issued notes). Credit enhancement for Series B Notes is provided by the subordination of Series C Notes and the Cash Reserve, whereas credit enhancement for Series C Notes is provided by the Cash Reserve only. The actual credit enhancement for Series A, Series B and Series C Notes is 13.09%, 10.06% and 6.03%, respectively. The balance of the Cash Reserve is €37,130,710 which is below the target balance of €41,860,000. As more loans rolled into default in recent periods, the Cash Reserve drew down due to provisioning mechanism for defaulted loans. DBRS expects that the deficit of the Cash Reserve will continue to worsen in the short term.

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Barclays Bank (Spanish Branch) is the Treasury Account Bank for the transaction. The DBRS private rating of Barclays Bank (Spanish Branch) is at least equal to the Minimum Institution Rating given the rating assigned to Series A Notes, as described in the DBRS Legal Criteria for European Structured Finance Transactions. Additionally, Banco Cooperativo Español is the Swap Counterparty for the transaction. The DBRS public rating of Banco Cooperativo Español complies with the DBRS Derivative Criteria for European Structured Finance Transactions.

Notes:

All figures are in Euro unless otherwise noted.

The principal methodology applicable is the Master European Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Rating Methodology and Jurisdictional Addenda. Other methodologies and criteria referenced in this transaction are listed at the end of this press release.

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For a more detailed discussion of sovereign risk impact on Structured Finance ratings, please refer to DBRS commentary “The Effect of Sovereign Risk on Securitisations in the Euro Area” on:
<http://www.dbrs.com/industries/bucket/id/10036/name/commentaries/>.

The sources of information used for this rating include investor reports provided by Europea de Titulización S.G.F.T., S.A. and data from the European DataWarehouse. DBRS considers the information available to it for the purposes of providing this rating was of satisfactory quality.

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The last rating action on this transaction took place on 8 February 2013, when DBRS assigned the rating of ‘A’ (sf) to Series A Notes.

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To assess the impact of the changing the transaction parameters on the rating, DBRS considered the following stress scenarios, as compared to the parameters used to determine the rating (the “Base Case”):

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- DBRS expected a lifetime base case Probability of Default (PD) and Loss Given Default (LGD) for the pool based on a review of the current assets. Adverse changes to asset performance may cause stresses to base case assumptions and therefore have a negative effect on credit ratings.
- The base case PD and LGD of the current pool of mortgages for the Issuer are 5.82% and 23.56%, respectively. At the 'A' (sf) rating level, the corresponding PD is 18.43% and the LGD is 36.98%.
- The Risk Sensitivity overview below illustrates the ratings expected if the PD and LGD increase by a certain percentage over the base case assumption. For example, if the LGD increases by 50%, the rating of Series A Notes would be expected to remain at 'A' (sf), assuming no change in the PD. If the PD increases by 50%, the rating for the Series A Notes would be expected to remain at 'A' (sf), assuming no change in the LGD. Furthermore, if both PD and LGD increase by 50%, the rating would be expected to decrease to BBB (high) (sf).

Series A Notes Risk Sensitivity:

- 25% increase in LGD, expected rating of 'A' (sf)
- 50% increase in LGD, expected rating of 'A' (sf)
- 25% increase in PD, expected rating of 'A' (sf)
- 50% increase in PD, expected rating of 'A' (sf)
- 25% increase in PD and 25% increase in LGD, expected rating of 'A' (sf)
- 25% increase in PD and 50% increase in LGD, expected rating of 'A' (sf)
- 50% increase in PD and 25% increase in LGD, expected rating of 'A' (sf)
- 50% increase in PD and 50% increase in LGD, expected rating of BBB (high) (sf)

For further information on DBRS historic default rates published by the European Securities and Markets Administration ("ESMA") in a central repository, see:
<http://cerep.esma.europa.eu/cerep-web/statistics/defaults.xhtml>.

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- Legal Criteria for European Structured Finance Transactions
- Derivative Criteria for European Structured Finance Transactions
- Master European Structured Finance Surveillance Methodology
- Operational Risk Assessment for European Structured Finance Servicers
- Master European Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Rating Methodology and Jurisdictional Addenda
- Unified Interest Rate Model for European Securitisations

Issuer	Debt Rated	Rating Action	Rating	Trend	Latest Event
Rural Hipotecario XII, Fondo de Titulización de Activos	Series A	Confirmed	A (sf)	--	Jan 27, 2014

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