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DBRS Upgrades, Removes from Under Review with Positive Implications and Confirms Ratings on Notes Issued by BBVA-9 PYME FTA

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DBRS Ratings Limited (DBRS) has today confirmed, upgraded and removed from Under Review with Positive Implications its ratings on the notes issued by BBVA-9 PYME FTA (the Issuer) as follows:

- €130,563,320 Series A Notes confirmed at A (sf)
- €70,000,000 Series B Notes upgraded to BBB (high) (sf) from BB (high) (sf), removing Under Review with Positive Implications

The transaction is a cash flow securitization collateralised by a portfolio of bank loans originated by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A. to self-employed individuals and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) based in Spain. The rating on the Series A Notes addresses the timely payment of interest, as defined in the transaction documents, and the ultimate payment of principal on each payment date during the transaction and, in any case, at their Legal Final Maturities in December 2044. The rating on the Series B Notes addresses the ultimate payment of interest, as defined in the transaction documents, and the ultimate payment of principal on each payment date during the transaction and, in any case, at their Legal Final Maturities in December 2044.

The rating actions reflect an annual review of the transaction. Since closing, the Series A Notes have been amortising and are now at 32.64% of their initial balance. The Series B Notes will start to amortise once the Series A Notes have fully paid down. Given this deleveraging, the current credit enhancement available has increased considerably, while the transaction performance is in line with DBRS's expectations. As of 31 March 2015, the cumulative outstanding balance of defaulted claims as per the transaction definition was 1.35% in terms of the initial outstanding balance of the portfolio.

The current rating actions conclude the review of the Series B Notes after being placed Under Review with Positive Implications on 7 April 2015 because of material updates to the methodology DBRS uses to rate and monitor collateralised loan obligations and collateralised debt obligations backed by debt of larger corporations (see "Rating CLOs and CDOs of Large Corporate Credit" published 7 April 2015).

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The portfolio's annualised probability of default (PD) used has not changed (3.78%).

Notes:

All figures are in euros unless otherwise noted.

The principal methodology applicable is "Rating CLOs Backed by Loans to European Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs)," which can be found on the DBRS website under Methodologies at <http://www.dbrs.com/about/methodologies>. Other methodologies and criteria referenced in this transaction are listed at the end of this press release.

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

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To assess the impact of changing the transaction parameters on the ratings, DBRS considered the following stress scenarios as compared with the parameters used to determine the ratings (the base case):

-- Probability of default (PD) rates used: base-case PD of 3.78%, a 10.00% and 20.00% increase on the base-case PD.

-- Recovery rates used: base-case recovery rates, corresponding to a recovery rate of 32.18% at the A (sf) stress level and 39.01% at the BBB (high) (sf) stress level, a 10.00% and 20.00% decrease in the base-case recovery rates.

DBRS concludes that either a hypothetical increase of the base PD by 20% or a hypothetical decrease of the recovery rate by 20%, ceteris paribus, would produce model results, suggesting a confirmation of the Series A and Series B Notes at A (sf) and BBB (high) (sf), respectively. A scenario combining both a hypothetical increase in the PD by 10% and a hypothetical decrease in the recovery rate by 10% would also lead to model results, suggesting a confirmation of the current ratings.

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It should be noted that the interest rates and other parameters that would normally vary with the rating level, including the recovery rates, were allowed to change as per the DBRS methodologies and criteria.

The previous rating action on the Series A Notes took place on 17 April 2014, when the rating of the Notes was confirmed and removed from Under Review with Developing Implications. The previous rating action on the Series B Notes took place on 7 April 2015, when the rating of the Notes was placed Under Review with Positive Implications. Prior to that, the rating of the Series B Notes was upgraded and removed from Under Review with Developing Implications on 17 April 2014.

Information regarding DBRS ratings, including definitions, policies and methodologies are available on www.dbrs.com

For further information on DBRS's 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
- Master European Structured Finance Surveillance Methodology
- Rating CLOs Backed by Loans to European Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs)
- Rating CLOs and CDOs of Large Corporate Credit
- Cash Flow Assumptions for Corporate Credit Securitizations
- Operational Risk Assessment for European Structured Finance Servicers
- Unified Interest Rate Model for U.S. and European Structured Credit
- Master European Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Rating Methodology and Jurisdictional Addenda

Issuer	Debt Rated	Rating Action	Rating	Trend	Latest Event
BBVA-9 PYME FTA	Series A	Confirmed	A (sf)	--	Apr 23, 2015
BBVA-9 PYME FTA	Series B	Upgraded	BBB (high) (sf)	--	Apr 23, 2015

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