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Various Rating Actions Taken In Spanish RMBS Transaction BBVA RMBS 10 Following Restructuring

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OVERVIEW

- As part of BBVA RMBS 10's restructuring, the issuer lowered the required reserve fund balance to €80 million.
- Following our credit and cash flow analysis of the new structure, we have taken various rating actions in the transaction to reflect the decrease in available credit enhancement.
- BBVA RMBS 10 is a Spanish RMBS transaction, which securitizes a portfolio of first-ranking mortgage loans granted to Spanish residents.

MADRID (Standard & Poor's) Oct. 30, 2015--Standard & Poor's Ratings Services today affirmed its 'A- (sf)' credit rating on BBVA RMBS 10, Fondo de Titulizacion de Activos' class A notes. At the same time, we have lowered to 'BB (sf)' from 'BB+ (sf)' our rating on the class B notes (see list below).

Today's rating actions follow a restructuring of the transaction whereby the issuer lowered the required reserve fund balance to €80 million from €192 million. Consequently, the available credit enhancement the reserve fund provides has been reduced to 5.84% from 14.02% of the notes' balance. Before the restructuring took place, the reserve fund was at its required level.

As with other Spanish transactions, interest and principal are combined into a single priority of payments.

As a result of the decrease in available credit enhancement, the class B notes are unable to support their current rating. We have therefore lowered to 'BB

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(sf)' from 'BB+ (sf)' our rating on the class B notes. The results of our credit and cash flow analysis show that the available credit enhancement for the senior notes is still commensurate with a 'A- (sf)' rating. Therefore, we have affirmed our 'A- (sf)' rating on the class A notes.

Delinquency levels in the portfolio backing this transaction are very low and stable. Arrears of 90+ days represent only 0.22% of the outstanding balance of the pool and total arrears represent 0.52% of the outstanding collateral balance, which is well below the Spanish residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) index (see "Spanish RMBS Index Report Q2 2015: Index Composition Boosts Collateral Performance Slightly," published on Sept. 11, 2015).

Counterparty Risk

We consider that the transaction's documented replacement mechanisms adequately mitigate its counterparty risk exposure to Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. (BBVA), as bank account provider, up to a 'A-' rating level under our current counterparty criteria (see "Counterparty Risk Framework Methodology And Assumptions," published on June 25, 2013). The transaction is exposed to the risk of cash collections becoming commingled in BBVA's account. Under the documentation, if our long-term rating on BBVA falls below 'BB+', within 10 calendar days, BBVA should deposit in the issuer's bank account an amount equal to the commingling reserve amount to be applied to pay any amounts the servicer fails to pay the issuer for the loans. According to our current counterpart criteria, setting up this commingling reserve fully mitigates commingling risk. The rating on the class A notes is capped at 'A- (sf)' by our counterparty criteria.

Sovereign Risk

Under our criteria for rating single-jurisdiction securitizations above the sovereign foreign currency rating (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 (see "Methodology And Assumptions For Ratings Above The Sovereign--Single-Jurisdiction Structured Finance," published on May 29, 2015). The class A notes have sufficient credit enhancement to withstand our "severe" stresses (see "Understanding Standard & Poor's Rating Definitions," published on June 3, 2009 for our definitions of severe levels of economic stress). However, they do not pass all of the conditions under paragraph 44 of the RAS criteria. Consequently, our RAS criteria permit a maximum four-notch ratings uplift above the sovereign rating for the class A notes. However, in light of the cap under our current counterparty criteria, we have affirmed our 'A- (sf)' rating on the class A notes. The results of our cash flow analysis indicate that available credit enhancement for the class B notes is commensurate with a 'BB (sf)' rating. Therefore, we have lowered to 'BB (sf)' from 'BB+ (sf)' our rating on the class B notes.

RELATED CRITERIA AND RESEARCH

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- Understanding Standard & Poor's Rating Definitions, June 3, 2009

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- Global Structured Finance Scenario And Sensitivity Analysis: Understanding The Effects Of Macroeconomic Factors On Credit Quality, July 2, 2014

RATINGS LIST

Class	Rating	
	To	From

BBVA RMBS 10, Fondo de Titulización de Activos
€1.6 Billion Mortgage-Backed Floating-Rate Notes

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Rating Affirmed

A            A- (sf)

Rating Lowered

B            BB (sf)          BB+ (sf)
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