



Announcement: Moody's Investors Service has placed on review for possible downgrade the senior notes issued by BBVA RMBS 3 FTA

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Approximately 2,050 Million of Debt Securities Affected.

Madrid, December 21, 2011 -- Moody's Investors Service has placed on review for possible downgrade the senior notes of BBVA RMBS 3 FTA because of worse-than expected collateral performance.

Issuer : BBVA RMBS 3 FTA

...EUR1,200M A1 Notes, Ba1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade; previously on Apr 15, 2011 Downgraded to Ba1 (sf)

...EUR595.5M A2 Notes, Ba1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade; previously on Apr 15, 2011 Downgraded to Ba1 (sf)

...EUR960M A3 Notes, Ba1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade; previously on Apr 15, 2011 Downgraded to Ba1 (sf)

RATINGS RATIONALE

Today's rating action reflects (i) the performance to date of the transaction ; (ii) the level of credit enhancement supporting the notes; and (iii) Moody's negative outlook for Spanish RMBS collateral. Today's rating action also takes into consideration updated reporting information on recovery rates.

TRANSACTION PERFORMANCE

BBVA RMBS 3 closed in July 2007. The transactions is backed by a portfolio of first-ranking mortgage loans originated by BBVA (Aa3/P-1) and secured on residential properties located in Spain. The loans were originated between 2003 and 2007, with current weighted average loan-to-value standing at 80.65%. A significant share of the securitised mortgage loans was originated via brokers (30.8%) and loans to non-Spanish nationals (1.50%) are also included in the pool. BBVA acts as servicer, paying agent and swap counterparty to the transactions.

Reserve fund and Principal Deficiency (PDL): the increasing levels of defaulted loans has ultimately caused the full depletion of the reserve fund and is currently triggering an unpaid PDL. The unpaid PDL has increase to EUR 128 million, corresponding to 100% of the most junior note and 25% of the class B notes, from EUR 104 million in April 2011

Loans more than 90 days in arrears represented 3.56% of the current portfolio balance as of November 2011, while cumulative defaults amounted to 6.38% of the original portfolio balance. The last figure does not include loans repossessed before being 12 months in arrears. Outstanding repossessions represented 3.49% of original pool balance as of November 2011. The pool factor was 74% as of November 2011. The recovery rates previously reported was overstated as recovery rates was considering repossession (either payment in kind or properties allocated to the fondo after the auction) as 100% recovery. The cumulative recovery rate in this transaction as of November 2011 is 5.22%

KEY COLLATERAL ASSUMPTIONS REVISED

Moody's will revise its expected loss assumptions and will assess the loan-by-loan information to

determine the MILAN Aaa CE, considering the current amount of realized losses, the new available information on recovery rates and severity analysis for the non-defaulted portion of the portfolio. In the revision of its assumptions Moody's will consider the negative outlook for the Spanish collateral performance and in particular the expectations that house prices will continue to fall in 2012 as described below.

These assumptions remain subject to uncertainties such as the future general economic activity, interest rates and house prices. If realised recovery rates were to be lower or default rates were to be higher than assumed, the rating would be negatively affected.

OUTLOOK FOR SPANISH RMBS

Moody's outlook for Spanish RMBS transactions in 2012 is negative. Rising unemployment and falling disposable incomes resulting from slowing economic growth will weigh on households' ability to service their debts. Moody's expects that house prices in Spain will fall in 2012 mainly because of an oversupply of houses and weak demand. Falling house prices will lead to lower recovery values on RMBS that use residential property as collateral. Poor housing market liquidity will lead to less certainty about whether a property can be sold and will increase the time it takes to sell the property.

As noted in Moody's comment 'Rising Severity of Euro Area Sovereign Crisis Threatens Credit Standing of All EU Sovereigns' (28 November 2011), the risk of sovereign defaults or the exit of countries from the Euro area is rising. As a result, Moody's could lower the maximum achievable rating for structured finance transactions in some countries, which could result in rating downgrades.

The principal methodology used in these ratings was "Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS in Europe, Middle East, and Africa," published in October 2009. Please see the Credit Policy page on www.moodys.com for a copy of this methodology.

In rating these transactions, Moody's used ABSROM to model the cash flows and determine the loss for each tranche. The cash flow model evaluates all default scenarios that are then weighted considering the probabilities of the lognormal distribution assumed for the portfolio default rate. In each default scenario, the corresponding loss for each class of notes is calculated given the incoming cash flows from the assets and the outgoing payments to third parties and note holders. Therefore, the expected loss for each tranche is the sum product of (i) the probability of occurrence of each default scenario; and (ii) the loss derived from the cash flow model in each default scenario for each tranche.

As such, Moody's analysis encompasses the assessment of stressed scenarios.

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