

**Rating Action: Moody's takes rating actions in two Spanish RMBS transactions**

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London, 06 July 2016 -- Moody's Investors Service has today upgraded the ratings of three notes in the Spanish RMBS Caixa Penedes 2 TDA, FTA, and downgraded the ratings of two notes in Rural Hipotecario VII, FTA. In addition, the rating of the A1 note in Rural Hipotecario VII, FTA has been affirmed. Please see below the details of these rating actions.

Issuer: CAIXA PENEDES 2 TDA, FTA

...EUR726.3M A Notes, Upgraded to Aa2 (sf); previously on May 14, 2016 Aa3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

...EUR7.2M B Notes, Upgraded to Baa1 (sf); previously on May 14, 2016 Baa2 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

...EUR16.5M C Notes, Upgraded to B1 (sf); previously on May 14, 2016 B3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

Issuer: RURAL HIPOTECARIO VII, FTA

...EUR957.1M A1 Notes, Affirmed Aa2 (sf); previously on Jul 10, 2015 Affirmed Aa2 (sf)

...EUR19.2M B Notes, Downgraded to Baa1 (sf); previously on May 14, 2016 A3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

...EUR23.7M C Notes, Downgraded to B1 (sf); previously on May 14, 2016 Ba2 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

-Today's upgrades reflect an increase of the excess spread available in the transaction due to the presence of fixed interest loans in the collateralised pool.

-Today's downgrades reflect the increased likelihood of performance triggers being breached switching the amortisation of the notes to sequential.

-Today's affirmation reflects that the credit enhancement available is commensurate with the current rating.

-Today's rating action concludes the review of five notes placed on review for on the 14 May 2016 (please see this link

[http://www.moodys.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PR\\_348796](http://www.moodys.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PR_348796) .)

**RATINGS RATIONALE**

-Increased excess spread available

Today's upgrades in Caixa Penedes 2 TDA, FTA are driven by an updated information on the collateralized pool. Moody's reviewed recent servicer report which provided updated information on the type of interests paid by the mortgages in the pool. The reference market rate "IRPH Cajas" was withdrawn in 2013 and loans could switch to either a fixed rate of interest, "EURIBOR" or "IRPH entidades". Many loans switched to payment of a fixed-rate interest. Based on the last servicer report, approximately 32% of the collateralized pool is comprised of fixed interest loans which pay a weighted average interest of 3.75%. Interest received from fixed rate loans above interest due to the swap counterparty is available for the Fondo to distribute in the transaction.

We have considered the risk of future increases in the market interest rates in the short and medium term to assess the risk of this 32% of the pool being partially unhedged. There is a basis swap (floating-floating) in place which uses the non-defaulted pool of loans, including the fixed interest ones, as the notional.

-Performance triggers

In Rural Hipotecario VII, FTA the amortisation type of Class B and C is subject to performance triggers based on arrears. As of the last payment date, the 90 days+ delinquencies were higher than 1% which prompted the Class C note to amortise sequentially. Moody's has reassessed its assumptions on the likelihood of these performance triggers being breached.

#### Revision of Key Collateral Assumptions:

As part of the rating action, Moody's reassessed its lifetime loss expectations for the portfolio reflecting the collateral performance to date.

The performance in both transactions is in line with Moody's expectation.

Moody's kept the expected loss assumptions at 2% as a percentage of original pool for Caixa Penedes 2 TDA, FTA and at 1% for Rural Hipotecario VII, FTA.

Moody's has also assessed loan-by-loan information as a part of its detailed transaction review to determine the credit support consistent with target rating levels and the volatility of future losses. As a result, Moody's has maintained the portfolio credit Milan assumption at 10% for Caixa Penedes 2 TDA, FTA, and at 7.5% for Rural Hipotecario VII, FTA.

The principal methodology used in these ratings was "Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework" published in January 2015. Please see the Ratings Methodologies page on [www.moody.com](http://www.moody.com) for a copy of this methodology.

The analysis undertaken by Moody's at the initial assignment of these ratings for RMBS securities may focus on aspects that become less relevant or typically remain unchanged during the surveillance stage. Please see Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework for further information on Moody's analysis at the initial rating assignment and the on-going surveillance in RMBS.

#### Factors that would lead to an upgrade or downgrade of the ratings:

Factors or circumstances that could lead to an upgrade of the ratings include (1) performance of the underlying collateral that is better than Moody's expected, (2) deleveraging of the capital structure and (3) improvements in the credit quality of the transaction counterparties and (4) a decrease in sovereign risk.

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