

Rating Action: Moody's Takes Multiple Rating Actions on 5 UK, 1 Belgian and 1 Dutch RMBS Transactions

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London, 25 March 2014 -- Moody's Investors Services has today taken multiple rating actions on the notes in Arran Residential Mortgages Funding 2011-1 Plc, Arran Residential Mortgages Funding 2011-2 Plc, Atomium Mortgage Finance 2003-I B.V., Greenock Funding No. 5 Plc, Paragon Mortgages (No. 7) PLC, Green Apple B.V. (2007-1 NHG Portfolio) and the Class Cb cross currency counterparty instrument rating (CIR) in Paragon Mortgages (No. 9) PLC. Today's rating actions are prompted by exposure to Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. or National Westminster Bank PLC (collectively referred to as RBS in this press release). The long-term rating of RBS was downgraded to Baa1 from A3 on 13 March 2014 (https://www.moodys.com/research/Moodys-downgrades-RBSs-supported-long-term-ratings-to-Baa1-with-PR 294433).

In total, ratings on 3 notes are affirmed, 1 note is confirmed, 8 notes are placed on review for downgrade, and 12 notes and CIR are downgraded. For a detailed list of affected ratings, see towards the end of the press release before the regulatory disclosures.

RATINGS RATIONALE

-- Arran Residential Mortgages Funding 2011-1 Plc (Arran 2011-1) and Arran Residential Mortgages Funding 2011-2 Plc (Arran 2011-2).

For both transactions, RBS acts as servicer and cash manager. There is no backup arrangement in place for either of these roles and no counterparty transfer rating triggers or facilitator. Additionally, RBS is acting as the collection account bank. The downgrade of RBS increases payment disruption risk in the transactions. Following Moody's "Global Structured Finance Operational Risk Guidelines" published in June 2013 (https://www.moodys.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBS_SF328657), Moody's places the ratings of Class A2a, A2b, A2c in Arran 2011-1 and Class A2a, A2b, A2c, A3a, A3c in Arran 2011-2 on review for possible downgrade.

-- Atomium Mortgage Finance 2003-I B.V.

Moody's placed the rating of Class A on review for possible downgrade on 21 Feb 2014 due to the transaction's exposure to RBS acting as issuer account bank. The transaction has a low pool factor of 6.7% and an overcollateralization of 18.8%. Class A benefits from a further credit enhancement of 36.78% through subordination. The credit enhancement level is sufficient to mitigate the risk arising from the exposure to RBS at the current rating level. However, the rating of Class A is still constrained by payment disruption risk arising from lack of backup servicer arrangement as assessed in the prior rating action on 15 Jul 2011 (https://www.moodys.com/research/Moodys-Investors-Service-has-today-downgraded-Belgium-RMBS-notes-issued--PR_222713). Consequently, Moody's confirms the rating of Class A at Aa3 (sf). Moody's also affirms Class B rating at A2 (sf) in this review.

-- Green Apple B.V. (2007-I NHG Portfolio)

Moody's placed the rating of Class B on review for possible downgrade on 21 Feb 2014 due to the transaction's exposure to RBS acting as swap counterparty. The rating triggers for posting collateral and swap replacement are set at loss of Baa1/P-2 and loss of Baa2/P-3, respectively. As part of its review, Moody's has incorporated the risk of additional losses on the notes in the event of the transaction becoming unhedged following a swap counterparty default. This assessment resulted in a downgrade of the rating of Class B to Baa3 (sf). RBS is also acting as issuer account bank in the transaction, however, this exposure is not a driver of today's action. The ratings of Classes A and C were affirmed during the review.

-- Greenock Funding No. 5 Plc

RBS is the counterparty in all major roles in the transaction: issuer account bank, collection account bank, servicer, cash manager and swap counterparty. The transaction's exposure to potential operational or payment

disruption risk is therefore strongly linked to the credit quality of RBS. Moody's put all rated notes on review for possible downgrade on 21 February 2014. As a result of the downgrade of RBS, and following Moody's "The Temporary Use of Cash in Structured Finance Transactions: Eligible Investment and Bank Guidelines" published in March 2013 (https://www.moodys.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBS_SF316982), Moody's concludes the rating review and downgrades all rated notes from Aa3 (sf) to A1 (sf).

-- Paragon Mortgages (No. 7) PLC

All notes were downgraded and remained on review for possible further downgrade due to the transaction's exposure to RBS as swap counterparty on 6 March 2014 (https://www.moodys.com/research/Moodys-downgrades-and-leaves-on-review-for-possible-downgrade-the--PR_294283). The counterparty transfer rating trigger is set at loss of Baa2. The downgrade of RBS increases the probability of the transaction becoming unhedged. Consequently, Moody's concludes the review and downgrades the ratings of Classes A1a, A1b, A1c to A1 (sf) and Classes B1a, B1b to Baa3 (sf).

-- Paragon Mortgages (No. 9) PLC Class Cb Cross Currency Swap CIR

CIR measures the risk posed to a counterparty arising from a special purpose vehicle's (SPV) inability to honor its obligations under the referenced financial contract. The ratings do not address potential losses in relation to any market risk associated with the transaction.

Following the updated CIR methodology, "Moody's Approach to Counterparty Instrument Ratings" published in March 2014 (http://www.moodys.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PBS_SF359353), the CIR is determined in 2 steps; the first step, expected loss assuming no counterparty default, and the second step, counterparty linkage analysis.

The expected loss for the counterparty will usually match the rating of the pari passu-ranking notes without considering the linkage to the swap counterparty. For this transaction, Class Cb cross currency CIR matches Class Cb rating without swap counterparty linkage, which is currently A2 (sf).

The second step, counterparty linkage analysis, determines whether the rating from the first step should be capped due to linkage to the counterparty itself. The swap termination payment in the event of swap counterparty default will be subordinated in the transaction's priority of payment. And such payment has to be paid through the transaction waterfall increasing the possibility that the counterparty might not receive the payment. Additionally, the swap counterparty is currently in the money. These factors have negative impact on the CIR. Despite giving two notches rating uplift from counterparty's rating in expectation of transfer of swap to a different counterparty, Moody's determines that the CIR should be capped at one notch above the counterparty's rating. That's one notch above Baa1. As a result, Class Cb cross currency CIR is downgraded to A3 (sf) due to linkage to the swap counterparty itself.

FACTORS THAT WOULD LEAD TO AN UPGRADE OR DOWNGRADE OF THE RATINGS:

Factors or circumstances that could lead to a downgrade of the ratings affected by today's action would be the worse-than-expected performance of the underlying collateral, and deterioration in the credit quality of the counterparties. Additionally, for Paragon Mortgages (No. 9) PLC Class Cb cross currency CIR rating, no transfer of swap counterparty.

Factors or circumstances that could lead to an upgrade of the ratings affected by today's action would be the better-than-expected performance of the underlying assets, and a decline in counterparty risk.

The principal methodology used in these ratings was "Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework" published in March 2014. Please see the Credit Policy page on www.moodys.com for a copy of this methodology.

List of affected ratings

Issuer: Arran Residential Mortgages Funding 2011-1 Plc

....GBP644.7M Class A2a Notes, Aaa (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade; previously on May 17, 2013 Confirmed at Aaa (sf)

....EUR538M Class A2b Notes, Aaa (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade; previously on May 17, 2013 Confirmed at Aaa (sf)

....US\$400M Class A2c Notes, Aaa (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade; previously on May 17, 2013 Confirmed at Aaa (sf)

Issuer: Arran Residential Mortgages Funding 2011-2 Plc

-GBP70M Class A2a Notes, Aaa (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade; previously on May 17, 2013 Confirmed at Aaa (sf)
-EUR220M Class A2b Notes, Aaa (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade; previously on May 17, 2013 Confirmed at Aaa (sf)
-U\$\$670M Class A2c Notes, Aaa (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade; previously on May 17, 2013 Confirmed at Aaa (sf)
-GBP150M Class A3a Notes, Aaa (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade; previously on May 17, 2013 Confirmed at Aaa (sf)
-US\$500M Class A3c Notes, Aaa (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade; previously on May 17, 2013 Confirmed at Aaa (sf)

Issuer: ATOMIUM MORTGAGE FINANCE 2003-I B.V.

-EUR2104.5M Class A Notes, Confirmed at Aa3 (sf); previously on Feb 21, 2014 Aa3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade
-EUR43M Class B Notes, Affirmed A2 (sf); previously on Dec 18, 2003 Definitive Rating Assigned A2 (sf)

Issuer: Greenock Funding No.5 Plc

-GBP1382.9M Class A1 Notes, Downgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Feb 21, 2014 Aa3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade
-GBP1382.9M Class A2 Notes, Downgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Feb 21, 2014 Aa3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade
-GBP1382.9M Class A3 Notes, Downgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Feb 21, 2014 Aa3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade
-GBP1382.9M Class A4 Notes, Downgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Feb 21, 2014 Aa3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade
-GBP1382.9M Class A5 Notes, Downgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Feb 21, 2014 Aa3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade
-GBP1728.944456M Class AVFN Notes, Downgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Feb 21, 2014 Aa3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

Issuer: Paragon Mortgages (No. 7) PLC

-US\$450M Class A1a Notes, Downgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Mar 6, 2014 Downgraded to Aa3 (sf) and Remained On Review for Possible Downgrade
-GBP220M Class A1b Notes, Downgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Mar 6, 2014 Downgraded to Aa3 (sf) and Remained On Review for Possible Downgrade
-EUR500M Class A1c Notes, Downgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Mar 6, 2014 Downgraded to Aa3 (sf) and Remained On Review for Possible Downgrade
-US\$82.5M Class B1a Notes, Downgraded to Baa3 (sf); previously on Mar 6, 2014 Downgraded to Baa1 (sf) and Remained On Review for Possible Downgrade
-EUR65M Class B1b Notes, Downgraded to Baa3 (sf); previously on Mar 6, 2014 Downgraded to Baa1 (sf) and Remained On Review for Possible Downgrade

Issuer: Paragon Mortgages (No. 9) PLC

....Cross Currency Swap for Class Cb Notes, Downgraded to A3 (sf); previously on Feb 21, 2014 A2 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

Issuer: Green Apple B.V. (2007-I NHG Portfolio)

-EUR1486.5M Class A Notes, Affirmed A1 (sf); previously on Dec 20, 2013 Upgraded to A1 (sf)
-EUR10.5M Class B Notes, Downgraded to Baa3 (sf); previously on Feb 21, 2014 Baa1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade
-EUR3M Class C Notes, Affirmed Baa3 (sf); previously on Dec 20, 2013 Upgraded to Baa3 (sf)

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Moody's did not receive or take into account a third party assessment on the due diligence performed regarding the underlying assets or financial instruments related to the monitoring of these transactions in the past six months.

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