

Rating Action: Moody's downgrades and confirms Notes of Mare Baltic 2006-1

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London, 16 March 2011 -- Moody's Investors Service announced today the following rating actions on notes issued by Mare Baltic The Series 2006-1 Cell of Mare Baltic PCC Limited ("ScandiNotes® IV" or "Mare Baltic 2006-1"):

EUR170.011M Class A Floating Rate Limited Recourse Secured Asset Backed Notes due 2014, Downgraded to B1 (sf); previously on Feb 18, 2011 Ba3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

DKK879.571M (currently DKK 528.166M) Class B 3% Limited Recourse Secured Asset Backed Notes due 2014, Confirmed at Ca (sf); previously on Feb 18, 2011 Ca (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

RATINGS RATIONALE

Mare Baltic 2006-1 is a highly non-granular securitization of subordinated debt issued by Danish banks. All the assets in the pool have the flexibility to redeem the loans at the year five call option in November 2011. Should they choose not to redeem, the underlying assets will be subject to an increase in the coupons paid.

The driver of the rating actions is the recent announcement by Financial Stability, the Danish government-backed bank-support vehicle, that, effective 6 February 2011, a newly created subsidiary of Financial Stability acquired all the assets and part of the liabilities of Amagerbanken. Aktieselskab ("Amagerbanken"). The transfer effectively wipes out the subordinated debt of Amagerbanken that was included in the pool.

The impact on the underlying rating of class A was mitigated by the already low rating on the tranche and the high default probability assigned to Amagerbanken at the last rating action (June 2010).

Following the default of Amagerbanken, and in accordance with the terms of the swap documentation, Class C has been written down to zero. Class B has been written down to DKK 528,166,376 from its initial value of DKK 879,571,000. Reflecting this, the ratings on Class B remain commensurate with the Moody's expected recoveries for the notes, as outlined in the paper titled "Moody's Approach to Rating Structured Finance Securities in Default" (November 2009).

The majority of the assets in the pool are assessed by credit estimate. In its base case, Moody's analysed the collateral pool with a stressed weighted average default probability (DP) equivalent to a B3 rating. In addition to the estimates on the underlying issuers, the average portfolio rating reflected the treatment for non granular pools that rely on credit estimates outlined in the paper "Updated Approach to the Usage of Credit Estimates in Rated Transactions" (October 2009).

Moody's also considered various additional scenarios, including the jump to Caa2 scenario described in the above mentioned report. This scenario had an impact of slightly over half a notch on the model output of class A.

Because the portfolio references a low number of generally small Danish banks and the concerns listed above surrounding the Danish banking industry, Moody's believes the correlation in defaults between issuers in the pool is likely to be high. Correlation was assumed to be 50%, though a stress case of 75% was also looked at. This had a two notch impact on the model results for Class A.

Although the issuers have an economic incentive to repay the loans at the Optional Redemption Date falling in November 2011, Moody's considered the likelihood that some or all of the loans would not be redeemed at the end of their fifth year due to financing difficulties of the underlying banks, and found the impact to be consistent with the revised rating levels.

Recoveries on the subordinated loans in the event of default were assumed to be zero.

Sources of additional performance uncertainties include:

- 1) Low portfolio granularity: the performance of the portfolio depends to a large extent on the credit conditions of a few large obligors that are rated low non investment grade. This is especially true in scenarios where these obligors jump to default.
- 2) Moody's believes the correlation in defaults between issuers in the pool will be probably be high, with the consequence that remaining performance outcomes of the notes are likely to be binary in nature.

At closing the assets were referenced via an asset swap with HSH Nordbank AG as the counterparty. Using this mechanism, classes B and C were issued at discount paying a reduced fixed coupon. The difference was due to be paid to the noteholders by way of a final payment from the asset swap that expires in November 2011 at the same time as the call options on the underlying loans. After termination of the swap, there remains a floor in place to mitigate the interest risk between the floating rate assets and fixed liabilities on classes B and C. When defaults occur on the underlying assets, the amount of the fixed notional of the swap that is written down is determined by the current interest rates at the time the swap is written down.

The principal methodologies used in this rating were "Moody's Approach to Rating Corporate Collateralized Synthetic Obligations" published in December 2008 and Moody's Approach to Rating Collateralized Loan Obligations" published in August 2009.

Under these methodologies, Moody's relies on a simulation based framework. Moody's used a bespoke CDOROM and cash model in order to capture the specific characteristics of the deal, incorporating the assumptions contained in the above methodologies. As such default scenarios were generated for each asset in the portfolio and these were applied in the cash flow model to compute the loss associated with each tranche in the structure.

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