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## Ratings Lowered On MADRID RMBS IV's Class C, D, And E Notes

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MADRID (Standard & Poor's) Dec. 16, 2008—Standard & Poor's Ratings Services today lowered and removed from CreditWatch negative its credit ratings on the class D and E notes issued by MADRID RMBS IV, Fondo de Titulizacion de Activos. At the same time, the rating on the class B notes was placed on CreditWatch negative, and the rating on the class C notes was lowered and kept on CreditWatch negative. We also affirmed the rating on the class A notes (see list below).

Today's rating actions follow a full credit and cash flow analysis of the most recent transaction information that we have received. The results of our analysis showed that the credit enhancement available for Madrid RMBS IV's class C to E notes was insufficient to maintain the current ratings.

The notes, issued in December 2007, are backed by portfolio of residential mortgage loans secured over residential properties in Spain. The loans were originated and are serviced by Caja de Ahorros y Monte de Piedad de Madrid (A+Negative/A-1).

At 9.60% of the current pool, the level of 90+ day delinquencies less than a year after closing is well above the average for other Spanish residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) transactions with a similar seasoning. In our view, the combination of the relatively high level of 90+ day delinquencies and the limited equity in those loans is likely to lead to further defaults and potentially reduced recoveries.

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Defaults in this transaction are defined as arrears greater than 12 months. Given the limited time elapsed, cumulative defaults as a percentage of the initial collateral balance is only 0.12%. The transaction features a structural mechanism that traps excess spread to provision for defaults. As a result of this structural feature, the transaction drew  $\[ \in \]$  3.3 million of its cash reserve on the latest interest payment date. Given the current high level of severe delinquencies in the transaction, we think further drawings under the cash reserve are likely going forward.

Interest will be deferred on class E, and only paid after amortization of the senior classes, when cumulative defaults reach 8.19% of the initial balance. The relative likelihood of nonpayment of interest was considered in our analysis.

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MADRID RMBS IV, Fondo de Titulizacion de Activos €2.4 Billion Mortgage-Backed Floating-Rate Notes

Class Rating

To From

RATINGS LOWERED AND REMOVED FROM CREDITWATCH NEGATIVE

D BB BBB/Watch Neg E BB/Watch Neg

RATING LOWERED AND KEPT ON CREDITWATCH NEGATIVE

C A-/Watch Neg A/Watch Neg

RATINGS PLACED ON CREDITWATCH NEGATIVE

B AA/Watch Neg AA

RATINGS AFFIRMED

A1 AAA A2 AAA

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