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## Research Update:

# MBIA Inc. And Subsidiaries Ratings Affirmed, Then Withdrawn At Issuer Request

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## Overview

- We are affirming our ratings on MBIA Inc. and all its affiliated subsidiaries.
- We are subsequently withdrawing our ratings on MBIA Inc. and all its affiliated subsidiaries at the issuer's request.

## Rating Action

On Dec. 1, 2017, S&P Global Ratings affirmed its 'BBB' long-term issuer credit rating on MBIA Inc., its 'A' financial strength rating on National Public Finance Guarantee Corp. (National), and its 'CCC' financial strength rating on MBIA Insurance Corp. (MBIA Corp.). We are subsequently withdrawing all our ratings at the issuer's request.

## Rationale

Our ratings on National are driven by our view of its less-vulnerable competitive position, reflecting the company's struggle to gain market share and our view that the company is in run-off. The strength of the rating is an extremely strong capital position, which is marginally offset by a negative financial flexibility score.

MBIA Inc.'s rating reflects its structural subordination to its regulated operating subsidiaries, specifically National. We view National as the principal source of debt-servicing and holding-company expense needs. In addition to National's dividend payments, the continued estimated tax escrow releases related to the tax-sharing agreement also support MBIA Inc.'s liquidity.

Our rating on MBIA Corp. reflects our view of the company's small capital base relative to the risk of its insured portfolio; poor operating performance, which we expect to continue; and potential continued liquidity stress. Although the possibility of liquidity stress exists, the experienced management team's liquidity and risk-mitigation strategy has helped to maintain solvency. The ratings also reflect the company's run-off status and our belief that its corporate profile is unlikely to change in the next year.

## Outlook

The outlook on National is stable, reflecting the strength of the company's capital position and the deleveraging that is occurring as the run-off of insured exposure is greater than the amount of new business being written.

The stable outlook on MBIA Corp reflects our view that the company's capital and liquidity are adequate to meet claim payments through 2018. Given the risk of the remaining insured portfolio due to its weak capital base and limited opportunity to improve its capital position, we expect capital to remain under stress.

## Related Criteria

- General Criteria: Group Rating Methodology, Nov. 19, 2013
- Criteria - Insurance - General: Enterprise Risk Management, May 7, 2013
- General Criteria: Methodology: Management And Governance Credit Factors For Corporate Entities And Insurers, Nov. 13, 2012
- General Criteria: Criteria For Assigning 'CCC+', 'CCC', 'CCC-', And 'CC' Ratings, Oct. 1, 2012
- Criteria - Insurance - Bond: Bond Insurance Rating Methodology And Assumptions, Aug. 25, 2011
- General Criteria: Use Of CreditWatch And Outlooks, Sept. 14, 2009

## Ratings List

### Ratings Affirmed

#### MBIA Inc.

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Issuer Credit Rating | BBB/Stable/-- |
| Senior Unsecured     | BBB           |

#### MBIA Insurance Corp.

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Issuer Credit Rating         |               |
| Local Currency               | CCC/Stable/-- |
| Financial Enhancement Rating |               |
| Local Currency               | CCC/Stable/-- |
| Financial Strength Rating    |               |
| Local Currency               | CCC/Stable/-- |

#### Municipal Bond Insurance Assn.

#### National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Issuer Credit Rating      |             |
| Local Currency            | A/Stable/-- |
| Financial Strength Rating |             |
| Local Currency            | A/Stable/-- |

National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.

Financial Enhancement Rating

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Local Currency | A/Stable/-- |
|----------------|-------------|

MBIA Global Funding LLC

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Senior Secured | CCC |
|----------------|-----|

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Senior Unsecured | CCC |
|------------------|-----|

Ratings Withdrawn

|    |      |
|----|------|
| To | From |
|----|------|

MBIA Inc.

|                      |       |               |
|----------------------|-------|---------------|
| Issuer Credit Rating | NR/NR | BBB/Stable/-- |
|----------------------|-------|---------------|

|                  |    |     |
|------------------|----|-----|
| Senior Unsecured | NR | BBB |
|------------------|----|-----|

MBIA Insurance Corp.

Issuer Credit Rating

|                |       |               |
|----------------|-------|---------------|
| Local Currency | NR/NR | CCC/Stable/-- |
|----------------|-------|---------------|

Financial Enhancement Rating

|                |       |               |
|----------------|-------|---------------|
| Local Currency | NR/NR | CCC/Stable/-- |
|----------------|-------|---------------|

Financial Strength Rating

|                |       |               |
|----------------|-------|---------------|
| Local Currency | NR/NR | CCC/Stable/-- |
|----------------|-------|---------------|

Municipal Bond Insurance Assn.

National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.

Issuer Credit Rating

|                |       |             |
|----------------|-------|-------------|
| Local Currency | NR/NR | A/Stable/-- |
|----------------|-------|-------------|

Financial Strength Rating

|                |       |             |
|----------------|-------|-------------|
| Local Currency | NR/NR | A/Stable/-- |
|----------------|-------|-------------|

National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.

Financial Enhancement Rating

|                |       |             |
|----------------|-------|-------------|
| Local Currency | NR/NR | A/Stable/-- |
|----------------|-------|-------------|

MBIA Global Funding LLC

|                |    |     |
|----------------|----|-----|
| Senior Secured | NR | CCC |
|----------------|----|-----|

|                  |    |     |
|------------------|----|-----|
| Senior Unsecured | NR | CCC |
|------------------|----|-----|

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