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Moody's assegna il rating Baa3 all'emissione obbligazionaria del 5 dicembre

Trieste. Si comunica che l'agenzia di rating Moody's ha assegnato il rating Baa3 all'emissione obbligazionaria subordinata conclusa il 5 dicembre 2012.

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Rating Action: Moody's assigns Baa3 (hyb) rating, negative outlook, to the EUR1.25bn dated subordinated notes issued by Assicurazioni Generali

London, 07 December 2012 -- Moody's Investors Service has assigned a Baa3 (hyb) rating to the EUR1.25 billion Senior Dated Subordinated Notes issued by Assicurazioni Generali SpA (Generali, Baa1 insurance financial strength rating, negative outlook). The rating is based on the expectation that there will be no material difference between current and final documentation in relation to the notes. The outlook is negative in line with Generali's insurance financial strength rating (IFSR).

RATINGS RATIONALE

The Baa3 rating is driven by the Baa1 IFSR of Generali. The two notch gap between Generali's IFSR and the subordinated debt is consistent with Moody's typical notching practice for European insurance operating companies. The subordinated notes rank junior to Generali's existing and future senior debt, and senior to its existing and future obligations expressed to rank junior to the dated subordinated notes, including its outstanding perpetual junior subordinated debt.

The subordinated notes amount to EUR 1.25 billion and offer a coupon of 7.75%; the proceeds are expected to be used to strengthen the insurer's solvency capital and meet part of its financing requirements to support corporate strategy. The notes are expected to qualify as regulatory capital under the existing Solvency I rules and are designed to qualify as Tier Two regulatory capital under the forthcoming Solvency II regime.

The notes will receive some equity credit from Moody's for the purposes of the adjusted financial leverage calculation based on their interest deferral characteristics, subordination, and maturity. The pro-forma adjusted leverage will marginally increase to just over 32% from 31.2% from year-end 2011 as a result of this issuance.

The negative outlook mirrors the negative outlook on Italy's Baa2 government bond rating and reflects the increasing uncertainties around the economic and financial environment in Italy, the insurer's domestic market. Any further downgrade of Italy would likely lead to a downgrade of Generali's ratings due to various linkages. These linkages include the reduced quality of the group's investment portfolio, Moody's view that the financial and economic environment in Italy will constrain profitability from Generali's Italian life insurance business, as well as the potential for further deterioration in other aspects of the insurer's investment portfolio should conditions in Italy decline further. Other reasons for a possible downgrade are: 1) a material deterioration of solvency and operating performance, 2) a material deterioration of the financial flexibility of the group.

The following rating has been assigned with a negative outlook:

Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A. - EUR 1,250 million dated subordinated notes Baa3 (hyb)

Generali Assicurazioni S.p.A., headquartered in Trieste, Italy, is a major international multi-line insurer. It reported gross premiums written of EUR69.2 billion in 2011 and shareholders' equity including minorities of EUR18.1 billion at 31 December 2011.

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The methodologies used in this rating were Moody's Global Rating Methodology for Life Insurers published in May 2010, and Moody's Global Rating Methodology for Property and Casualty Insurers published in May 2010. Please see the Credit Policy page on www.moody.com for a copy of these methodologies.

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