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MOODY'S LAUNCHES MOODY'S LOCAL TO PROVIDE DOMESTIC CREDIT RATINGS AND RESEARCH IN LATIN AMERICA

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Moody's Corporation (NYSE: MCO) announced today the launch of Moody's Local in Latin America, a new platform that will provide domestic credit ratings and research for financial institutions, corporate entities, local governments and other sectors.

Subject to regulatory approvals, Moody's Local will provide domestic ratings and research services in Peru, Panama and Bolivia. Equilibrium, the wholly-owned subsidiary of MCO that currently provides domestic ratings and research services in those jurisdictions, will be rebranded as Moody's Local.

"The launch of Moody's Local highlights our ongoing commitment to credit markets in Latin America and reflects the increasing depth and breadth of domestic capital markets," said Martin Fernandez Romero, Managing Director and Regional Head of Latin America for Moody's Investors Service. "Domestic credit markets have unique features, and Moody's Local offers an independent platform that combines tailored methodologies with seasoned teams of local analysts to provide credit analysis specific to those markets."

Moody's Local ratings represent forward-looking rank-orderings of creditworthiness within the domestic market of a specific country. They are not comparable between countries, and are distinct from and independent of the opinions of MIS and its global ratings.

Market participants can access additional information regarding Moody's Local at www.moodylocal.com.

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Certain statements contained in this release are forward-looking statements and are based on future expectations, plans and prospects for Moody's business and operations that involve a number of risks and uncertainties. The forward-looking statements and other information in this release are made as of the date hereof (except where noted otherwise), and Moody's undertakes no obligation (nor does it intend) to publicly supplement, update or revise such statements on a going-forward basis, whether as a result of subsequent developments, changed expectations or otherwise. In connection with the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Moody's is identifying examples of factors, risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ, perhaps materially, from those indicated by these forward-looking statements. Those factors, risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, credit market disruptions or economic slowdowns, which could affect the volume of debt and other securities issued in domestic and/or global capital markets; other matters that could affect the volume of debt and other securities issued in domestic and/or global capital markets, including regulation, credit quality concerns, changes in interest rates and other volatility in the financial markets such as that due to the U.K.'s planned withdrawal from the EU; the level of merger and acquisition activity in the U.S. and abroad; the uncertain effectiveness and possible collateral consequences of U.S. and foreign government actions affecting credit markets, international trade and economic policy; concerns in the marketplace affecting our credibility or otherwise affecting market perceptions of the integrity or utility of independent credit agency ratings; the introduction of competing products or technologies by other companies; pricing pressure from competitors and/or customers; the level of success of new product development and global expansion; the impact of regulation as an NRSRO, the potential for new U.S., state and local legislation and regulations, including provisions in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd-Frank") and regulations resulting from Dodd-Frank; the potential for increased competition and regulation in the EU and other foreign jurisdictions; exposure to litigation related to our rating opinions, as well as any other litigation, government and regulatory proceedings, investigations and inquiries to which Moody's may be subject from time to time; provisions in the Dodd-Frank Act legislation modifying the pleading standards, and EU regulations modifying the liability standards, applicable to credit rating agencies in a manner adverse to credit rating agencies; provisions of EU regulations imposing additional procedural and substantive requirements on the pricing of services and the expansion of supervisory remit to include non-EU ratings used for regulatory purposes; the possible loss of key employees; failures or malfunctions of our operations and infrastructure;

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