

Ratings Lowered On Auto ABS Transaction Transsec (RF)'s Class A To C Notes Following Bank Downgrade

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OVERVIEW

- On Nov. 24, 2017, we lowered our foreign currency sovereign rating on South Africa. On Nov. 29, 2017, we subsequently lowered our ratings on FirstRand Bank, the bank account provider in Transsec (RF).
- Following the application of our current counterparty criteria, we have lowered our ratings on the class A2, A4, B1, B2, C1, and C2 notes.
- At the same time, we have affirmed our ratings on the class D1 and D2 notes.
- The transaction securitizes a pool of fully amortizing installment sale agreements relating to the financing of South African mini-bus taxis.

MOSCOW (S&P Global Ratings) Dec. 19, 2017--S&P Global Ratings today lowered to 'zaAA- (sf)' from 'zaAA (sf)' its South Africa national scale credit ratings on Transsec (RF) Ltd.'s class A2, A4, B1, B2, C1, and C2 notes. At the same time, we have affirmed our 'zaA+ (sf)' South Africa national scale ratings on the class D1 and D2 notes (see list below).

Today's rating actions follow our Nov. 24, 2017 lowering to 'BB' from 'BB+' of our long-term foreign currency sovereign credit rating on the Republic of South Africa and the subsequent lowering of our issuer credit ratings (ICRs) on eight South African banks, including FirstRand Bank Ltd. (see "South Africa Ratings Lowered On Weakening Economic And Fiscal Trajectory; Outlook Stable," published on Nov. 24, 2017, and "Ratings On Eight South African Financial Institutions Lowered Following Similar Action On Sovereign," published on Nov.

29, 2017).

The transaction is exposed to the counterparty risk of FirstRand Bank (BB/Stable/B, South Africa national scale ratings zaAA-/zaA-1+) as the transaction account bank. Given that FirstRand Bank was not replaced following its downgrade in April 2017, the notes ratings in this transaction are capped at FirstRand Bank's long-term ICR, in accordance with our current counterparty criteria (see "Counterparty Risk Framework Methodology And Assumptions," published on June 25, 2013, and "Ratings On Seven South African Financial Institutions Lowered Following Similar Action On Sovereign," published on April 5, 2017). Following our recent lowering of our long-term South Africa national scale rating on FirstRand Bank, we have consequently lowered to 'zAA-(sf)' from 'zAA (sf)' our ratings on the class A2, A4, B1, B2, C1, and C2 notes. We affirmed our 'zaA+ (sf)' ratings on the class D1 and D2 notes as they are rated below the counterparty risk cap. Since our previous review of the class D1 and D2 notes, no additional risk factors have arisen (see "Ratings Raised On South African Transaction Transsec (RF)'s ABS Notes Following Review," published on Oct. 31, 2017).

The transaction securitizes a pool of fully amortizing installment sale agreements relating to the financing of South African mini-bus taxis. The entire pool was originated by Potpale Investments (RF) Proprietary Ltd., a bankruptcy remote warehousing vehicle that SA Taxi Development Finance Proprietary Ltd. set up. The underlying obligors are predominantly South African individual taxi operators.

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RATINGS LIST

Transsec (RF) Ltd.

ZAR1.361 Billion Asset-Backed Floating-Rate Notes (Including ZAR1,092 Million Rated Notes And ZAR269 Million Unrated Notes And Subloan)

Class	To	Rating	From
Ratings Lowered			
A2	zaAA-	(sf)	zaAA (sf)
A4	zaAA-	(sf)	zaAA (sf)
B1	zaAA-	(sf)	zaAA (sf)
B2	zaAA-	(sf)	zaAA (sf)
C1	zaAA-	(sf)	zaAA (sf)
C2	zaAA-	(sf)	zaAA (sf)

Ratings Affirmed

D1	zaA+	(sf)	
D2	zaA+	(sf)	

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