



Rating Action: **Moody's assigns Aa3 to JRJT's domestic bonds**

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JPY 45 billion of New Debt Securities Rated

Tokyo, February 08, 2013 -- Moody's Japan K.K. has assigned its Aa3 ratings to the bonds issued by Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency (JRJT). The rating outlook is stable.

The specific bond issues rated are:

- JPY 28 billion Series 52 bonds, due 2018
- JPY 17 billion Series 53 bonds, due 2022

RATINGS RATIONALE

The rating reflects JRJT's strong links with the government of Japan (Aa3, stable) (*).

(*: This Moody's Investors Service's rating is not governed by Japanese regulation.)

Moody's concludes that the creditworthiness of JRJT should be the same as that of the sovereign, given the integration of the company's mandate with the government's transportation policies and the high level of government oversight of its operations. As a result, Moody's has adopted the same credit substitution approach for JRJT that it has for the 11 other government-related entities or "Zaitos" in Japan.

The law establishing JRJT stipulates that the Japanese government provides strong financial support, including guarantees, loans, subsidies, and capital injections.

The independent administrative corporation (IAC) law states that the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLIT) set JRJT's business objectives and approves its medium-term plan. The plan is required to have detailed budgets, funding plans and requirements for cash flow borrowings. Any change to the plan requires the approval of the Minister. A committee established by the Minister also evaluates the extent to which the objectives set out in the plan have been achieved.

The principal methodology used in this rating was Government-Related Issuers: Methodology Update published in July 2010. Please see the Credit Policy page on www.moodys.com for a copy of this methodology.

JRJT is an IAC established in October 2003, under the general law for IACs and the JRJT law.

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