



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

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### JPY 50 billion of New Debt Securities Rated

Tokyo, May 16, 2014 -- Moody's Japan K.K. has assigned 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 18 billion Series 64 bonds, due 2018
- JPY 22 billion Series 65 bonds, due 2024
- JPY 10 billion Series 66 bonds, due 2029

### RATINGS RATIONALE

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

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](http://www.moodys.com) for a copy of this methodology.

Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency is an IAC established in October 2003, under the general law for IACs and the JRJT law.

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