News Release



Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd

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Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR) announces the following credit rating.

Republic of the Philippines (security code: -)

<Affirmation>

Foreign Currency Long-term Issuer Rating: A-Outlook: Stable Local Currency Long-term Issuer Rating: A-Outlook: Stable Bonds: A-

Rationale

- (1) The ratings mainly reflect the country's high and sustained economic growth supported by solid domestic demand, a low-level external debt, its resilience to external shocks supported by accumulated foreign exchange reserves, and its solid fiscal base. However, reducing income disparity through rural development and infrastructure development remain important tasks to be addressed. The fiscal consolidation being promoted by the Marcos administration, which took office in June 2022, based on the "Medium-Term Fiscal Framework" is producing good results. Hence, JCR believes that the government will maintain its fiscal soundness. Based on the above, JCR has retained the ratings with Stable outlook.
- (2) The Republic of the Philippines is an archipelagic country with a population of approximately 115.7 million. Its per capita GDP stood at USD11,335 in PPP terms in 2023. Its real GDP had maintained a high growth on robust domestic demand except for 2020, when the pandemic broke out. The real GDP growth rate in 2023 was 5.6% on strong private consumption supported by a favorable employment environment and solid remittances from Filipinos abroad as well as the growth of fixed capital formation owing to upbeat construction brought by infrastructure investment. JCR believes that the real GDP growth rate in 2024 will be around 6%, supported by a recovery of external demand and tourism demand, and solid private consumption underpinned by a subdued rise in prices and stable flow of remittances from overseas Filipinos. The Marcos administration's "Build Better More" program plans to realize 5-6% of GDP annually on infrastructure investment while mobilizing privatesector funds through public-private partnerships (PPP). Infrastructure investment to GDP is estimated to have reached 5.8% in 2023. The Philippines' first sovereign wealth fund is due to begin operations in 2024. The fund will invest in infrastructure and other assets over the long term and support infrastructure development. The administration's Philippine Development Plan sets an important goal of reducing the poverty rate from 18.1% in 2021 to less than 9% by 2028. It intends to reduce income disparity by enhancing productivity and shifting toward higher-value-adding activities and products through agriculture modernization.
- (3) Before the pandemic, the government had promoted a policy aimed for fiscal soundness by keeping the budget deficit at about 3% of GDP. While the deficit has been widening since 2020 due to the impact of pandemic response measures, the Marcos administration has pledged to reduce the government debt to less than 60% of GDP by 2025 and the budget deficit to 3% of GDP by 2028 through effective and efficient public spending. The fiscal deficit in 2023 was 6.1% as an increase in fiscal expenditures was limited despite higher interest expenses stemming from rising interest rates. The administration is also pursuing tax reforms to expand its tax base through revision of the tax systems for financial products i.e., Package 4 of the comprehensive tax reform program or the Passive Income and Financial Intermediary Tax Reform, rationalization of the mining fiscal regime, VAT on digital service providers, motor vehicles user charge, and excise tax on single-use plastics. The government debt-to-GDP ratio at the end of 2023 was approximately60%, which is one of the lowest among the sovereigns rated in the A-range by JCR.
- (4) The current account deficit improved to 3.5% of GDP in the first nine months of 2023 on lower commodity prices and strong recovery in the services sector. The international balance of payments has been improving on account of increasing remittances from Filipinos abroad, receipts from business process outsourcing and tourism revenues. The external debt balance was kept contained at 28.1% of GDP at the end of September 2023 while the foreign exchange reserves stood at USD103.8 billion or 6.0 times the short-term external debt at the end of December 2023. These



indicate the robustness of the country's foreign currency liquidity position. JCR holds that the country will show its high resilience even when global risk-off moves are triggered again.

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Rating

Issuer: Republic of the Philippines

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| Foreign Currency Long-term Issue | • | Outlook: Stable | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|
| Local Currency Long-term Issuer F | Rating: A- | Outlook: Stable | | | |
| Issue | Amount (bn) | Issue Date | Due Date | Coupon | Rating |
| JAPANESE YEN BONDS - | JPY 40.8 | August 15, 2018 | August 15, 2028 | 0.99% | A- |
| ELEVENTH SERIES (2018) | | , | , | | |
| JAPANESE YEN BONDS - | JPY 21.0 | August 15, 2019 | August 15, 2024 | 0.28% | A- |
| THIRTEENTH SERIES (2019) | | 3 -, | 3 -, - | | |
| JAPANESE YEN BONDS - | JPY 17.9 | August 15, 2019 | August 14, 2026 | 0.43% | A- |
| FOURTEENTH SERIES (2019) | 0 | 7 tagast 10, 2010 | 7 tagast 1 1, 2020 | 0.1070 | , , |
| JAPANESE YEN BONDS - | JPY 22.7 | August 15, 2019 | August 15, 2029 | 0.59% | A- |
| FIFTEENTH SERIES (2019) | 01 1 22.7 | 7 (agust 10, 2010 | 7 (agast 10, 2020 | 0.0070 | , , |
| JAPANESE YEN BONDS - | JPY 55.0 | April 13, 2021 | April 12, 2024 | 0.001% | A- |
| SIXTEENTH SERIES (2021) | 01 1 00.0 | Αριίι 10, 2021 | Αριίι 12, 2024 | 0.00170 | Λ- |
| JAPANESE YEN BONDS - | JPY 52.0 | April 22, 2022 | April 22, 2027 | 0.76% | A- |
| FIRST SERIES (2022) | JF 1 JZ.U | April 22, 2022 | April 22, 2021 | 0.7070 | Λ- |
| (SUSTAINABILITY BONDS) | | | | | |
| JAPANESE YEN BONDS - | JPY 5.0 | April 22, 2022 | April 20, 2029 | 0.95% | A- |
| SECOND SERIES (2022) | JP 1 5.0 | April 22, 2022 | April 20, 2029 | 0.95% | Α- |
| (SUSTAINABILITY BONDS) | | | | | |
| , | IDV 7.4 | A! | A: 1 00 0000 | 4.000/ | ۸ |
| JAPANESE YEN BONDS - | JPY 7.1 | April 22, 2022 | April 22, 2032 | 1.22% | A- |
| THIRD SERIES (2022) | | | | | |
| (SUSTAINABILITY BONDS) | IDV C O | A! | A: I 00 0040 | 4.000/ | ^ |
| JAPANESE YEN BONDS - | JPY 6.0 | April 22, 2022 | April 22, 2042 | 1.83% | A- |
| FOURTH SERIES (2022) | | | | | |
| (SUSTAINABILITY BONDS) | | | | | |

Rating Assignment Date: March 1, 2024

The assumptions for the credit ratings and the definitions of the rating symbols are published as "Types of Credit Ratings and Definitions of Rating Symbols" (January 6, 2014) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/).

Outline of the rating methodology is shown as "Sovereign and Public Sector Entities" (October 1, 2021) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/).

The rating stakeholder participated in the rating process of the aforementioned credit ratings.

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Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.

Disclosure Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of Rule 17g-7

| Issuer: | Republic of the Philippines |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rating Publication Date: | March 6, 2024 |

- The Symbol, Number, or Score in the Rating Scale used to Denote Credit Rating Categories and Notches and, the Identity of the Obligor or the Identity and a Description of the Security or Money Market Instrument as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(A) of Rule 17g-7
 - · Please see the news release. If the credit rating is a private rating, please see the report for private rating.
- The version of the procedure or methodology used to determine the credit rating; as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(B) of Rule 17g-7
 - Please see the news release. If the credit rating is a private rating, please see the report for private rating.
- The Main Assumptions and Principles used in Constructing the Procedures and Methodologies used to Determine the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(C) of Rule 17g-7
 - The credit rating methodology assumes, in principle, to be applied to assess the likelihood of a given debt payment in light of its issuer's condition and business environment, etc. in the relevant future. There is certain limitation, however, in the time horizon that the rating foresees.
 - The credit rating methodology assumes, in principle, that the factors posted in the below are particularly important for such likelihood to be determined, and that the rating determination is made by evaluating each of them not only quantitatively but also employing qualitative analyses.

A) Economic Base

The likelihood of a given debt payment is highly conditional to the issuing government's ability to maintain/expand the economic base into the future with maintaining soundness of financial systems.

B) Fiscal Base

The likelihood of a given debt payment is highly correlated to fiscal balance, public debt and other factors of the issuing government's fiscal condition.

C) External Positions

The likelihood of a given debt payment is highly correlated to the liquidity positions which change along with the international balance of payments and the international investment position.



- D) Social and Political Bases and Economic Policy
 - The likelihood of a given debt payment is highly conditional to the social and political stability, effectiveness of economic and monetary policies as well as international economics.
- E) Related Parties' Stance of Support/ Assistance for the Government

 The likelihood of a given debt payment is affected by the stance of the credit enhancement provider and other related parties with regard to their stance of support/ assistance for the issuing government.
- F) Order of Seniority in Debt Payment

The likelihood of debt payment can be different between given debts of the same issuer. The likelihood of debt payment for an individual debt is dependent on the issuing government's will, and/ or its rank relative to other debts of the same government in the order of seniority in principal/ interest payment which is determined by design as financial product or by international practice, etc.

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The Potential Limitations of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(D) of Rule 17g-7

- The credit rating herewith presented by JCR is its summary opinion with regard to the likelihood of given debt payment and hence not necessarily a perfect representation of such likelihood. The credit rating is not intended to estimate the probability of default or the loss on given default, either.
- The objective of the credit rating herewith presented does not include any concerns other than the likelihood of debt payment, such as risks of price changes, market liquidity, etc.
- The credit rating herewith presented is necessary to be reviewed along with possible changes of the issuer of rated objects in its business performance and/ or circumstances which include regulatory environment, and hence subject to possible alteration.

Information on the Uncertainty of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(E) of Rule 17g-7

- The information used for the determination of credit rating as herewith presented is obtained by JCR from the issuer of rated objects and other sources that JCR trusts in terms of accuracy and reliability but possibly contains errors due to human, non-human or other causes. Consequently, the credit rating determined on the grounds of such information does not constitute, explicitly or implicitly, any representation or warrant of JCR on the information itself or any consequences of its use in terms of accuracy, relevance, timeliness, wholeness, market value, or usefulness for any specific purposes.
- 6 Use of Due Diligence Services of a Third Party in Taking the Rating Action as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(F) of Rule 17g-7
 - There is no use of any third-party due diligence service in the determination of the credit rating herewith presented.
- Use of Servicer or Remittance Reports to Conduct Surveillance of the Credit Rating Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(G) of Rule 17g-7
 - There is no use of any servicer or remittance report to conduct surveillance of the credit rating herewith presented.

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The Types of Data Relied Upon for the Purpose of Determining the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(H) of Rule17g-7

- The information posted in the below, which includes data, is used for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented.
 - A) Informational and explanatory materials presented by the rating stakeholders with regard to the economy and fiscal management policy, etc. of the issuing government
 - B) Statistics and reports published by an independent organization with regard to the economy and fiscal status, etc. of the issuing government

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Overall assessment of the Quality of Information Available and Considered in Determining the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(l) of Rule 17g-7

- JCR holds its basic policies for securing the quality of information as a base of due diligence for the determination of credit ratings. The information used as a base for the determination of credit rating herewith presented satisfies such policies, which include the publication by the issuer, some independent media or, otherwise, JCR analyst's scrutiny, etc.
- JCR sees no particular weakness in the quality of information used for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented as compared to the information used in other cases of the credit rating for comparable issuers or ratable objects.
- · If the credit rating is an Indication, please see the report for Indication.

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Information Relating to Conflicts of Interest as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(J) of Rule 17g-7

- JCR receives payment of compensation for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented from either one of those parties who are issuer, underwriter, depositor or sponsor.
- JCR did not receive in the last fiscal year in the past payment of compensation from the same party for any kind of JCR's service other than the determination of public or private credit rating, such as one in the ancillary business.

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Explanation or Measure of the Potential Volatility of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(K) of Rule 17g-7

A) Economic Base

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is an improvement or deterioration of the issuer's economy or financial systems, etc. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.

B) Fiscal Base

The credit rating is subject to alteration if the issuer increases/ decreases its fiscal deficit/ surplus and its public debt and thereby makes given debt payment liability less/ more bearable. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.

C) External Positions

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the issuer's international balance of payments and international investment position and thereby an improvement/ deterioration of its liquidity positions. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.



D) Social and Political Bases and Economic Policy

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the issuer's social and political conditions or economic/ monetary policies, etc. and thereby an improvement/ deterioration of its economy and fiscal positions. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.

E) Related Parties' Stance of Support/ Assistance for the Issuer

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the credit enhancement provider or other related parties with regard to their stance of support/ assistance for the issuing government and thereby an improvement/ deterioration of its economy, fiscal positions and liquidity positions. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.

F) Order of Seniority in Debt Payment

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the rated debt's status in the order of seniority relative to other debts, due to improvement/ deterioration of the issuer's fiscal condition and/or will. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.

G) International Economies

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the international economies, commodity or foreign exchange markets, etc. and thereby, through international balance of payments, an improvement/ deterioration in the issuer's fiscal balance or debt payment capacity. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is exceptionally large.

H) Various Events

The credit rating is subject to alteration on occurrence of various events, such as domestic unrest, war, natural disaster, etc. which are unforeseeable at the time when the credit rating is determined, causing a significant change on the issuer's economy, fiscal positions, etc. The resultant alteration of the credit rating could be by a notch but more often than not as much as a few notches.

Information on the Content of the Credit Rating, Including the Historical Performance of the Credit Rating and the Expected Probability of Default and the Expected Loss in the Event of Default as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(L) of Rule 17g-7

- · Historical records of the credit rating herewith presented are posted in the end of this paper.
- The credit rating herewith presented by JCR is its summary opinion with regard to the likelihood of given debt payment and hence not necessarily a perfect representation of such likelihood. The credit rating is not intended to estimate the probability of default or the loss on given default, either.
- Facts of the probability of default are posted as Form NRSRO Exhibit 1 on the JCR website under the URL:

https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/service/company/regu/nrsro/

Information on the Sensitivity of the Credit Rating to Assumptions Made as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(M) of Rule 17g-7

A) Economic Base

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's economy or financial systems, etc. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's economy or financial systems on some drastic change in environments, etc.

B) Fiscal Base

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's fiscal conditions in terms of annual balance or public debt. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR



speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's fiscal condition on some drastic change in its economy.

C) External Positions

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's liquidity positions reflecting improvement or deterioration of the international balance of payments and the international investment position. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's liquidity positions on some drastic change in the country's economic/ fiscal conditions and financing activities, etc.

D) Social and Political Bases and Economic Policies

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's social and political bases and economic/ monetary policies. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the country's situation changes drastically, making the issuer's social and political bases and economic/monetary policies significantly improved or deteriorated.

E) International Economics

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the prospects of the international economies or commodity/ foreign exchange markets, etc. JCR expects the change should be most likely by a notch but could be as much as a few notches, should the economy or the markets change so greatly.

Information on the Representations, Warranties, and Enforcement Mechanisms of an Asset-backed Security as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(N) of rule 17g-7

• The credit rating herewith presented is not for an ABS product, and hence no relevant issue.

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The Historical Performance of the Credit Rating

| Issuer Name | Issue Name | Publication Date | Rating | Outlook/Direction |
|---|---|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Philippines (Republic of) | Issuer(Long-term)(LC) | August 8, 2018 | BBB+ | Stable Stable |
| Philippines (Republic of) Philippines (Republic of) | Issuer(Long-term)(LC) Issuer(Long-term)(LC) | August 8, 2018 April 19, 2019 | BBB+ | Positive |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Issuer(Long-term)(LC) | June 11, 2020 | A- | Stable |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Issuer(Long-term)(LC) Issuer(Long-term)(LC) | September 6, 2021 | A- A- | Stable |
| | | | | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Issuer(Long-term)(LC) | March 10, 2023 | A- | Stable |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Issuer(Long-term)(FC) | August 8, 2018 | BBB+ | Stable |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Issuer(Long-term)(FC) | April 19, 2019 | BBB+ | Positive |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Issuer(Long-term)(FC) | June 11, 2020 | A- | Stable |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Issuer(Long-term)(FC) | September 6, 2021 | A- | Stable |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Issuer(Long-term)(FC) | March 10, 2023 | A- | Stable |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 11th Series (2018) | August 8, 2018 | BBB+ | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 11th Series (2018) | April 19, 2019 | BBB+ | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 11th Series (2018) | June 11, 2020 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 11th Series (2018) | September 6, 2021 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 11th Series (2018) | March 10, 2023 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 13th Series (2019) | August 2, 2019 | BBB+ | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 13th Series (2019) | June 11, 2020 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 13th Series (2019) | September 6, 2021 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 13th Series (2019) | March 10, 2023 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 14th Series (2019) | August 2, 2019 | BBB+ | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 14th Series (2019) | June 11, 2020 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 14th Series (2019) | September 6, 2021 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 14th Series (2019) | March 10, 2023 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 15th Series (2019) | August 2, 2019 | BBB+ | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 15th Series (2019) | June 11, 2020 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 15th Series (2019) | September 6, 2021 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 15th Series (2019) | March 10, 2023 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 16th Series (2021) | March 30, 2021 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 16th Series (2021) | September 6, 2021 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | Japanese Yen Bonds 16th Series (2021) | March 10, 2023 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | JAPANESE YEN BONDS - FIRST SERIES (2022) (SUSTAINABILITY BONDS) JAPANESE YEN BONDS - | April 12, 2022 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | FIRST SERIES (2022) (SUSTAINABILITY BONDS) | March 10, 2023 | A- | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | JAPANESE YEN BONDS - SECOND SERIES (2022) (SUSTAINABILITY BONDS) | April 12, 2022 | A- | |



The Historical Performance of the Credit Rating

| Issuer Name | Issue Name | Publication Date | Rating | Outlook/Direction |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------|-------------------|
| | JAPANESE YEN BONDS - | | | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | SECOND SERIES (2022) | March 10, 2023 | A- | |
| | (SUSTAINABILITY BONDS) | | | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | JAPANESE YEN BONDS - | | | |
| | THIRD SERIES (2022) | April 12, 2022 | A- | |
| | (SUSTAINABILITY BONDS) | | | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | JAPANESE YEN BONDS - | | | |
| | THIRD SERIES (2022) | March 10, 2023 | A- | |
| | (SUSTAINABILITY BONDS) | | | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | JAPANESE YEN BONDS - | | | |
| | FOURTH SERIES (2022) | April 12, 2022 | A- | |
| | (SUSTAINABILITY BONDS) | | | |
| Philippines (Republic of) | JAPANESE YEN BONDS - | | | |
| | FOURTH SERIES (2022) | March 10, 2023 | A- | |
| | (SUSTAINABILITY BONDS) | | | |

Attestation Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(iii) of Rule 17g-7

- I, Kiichi Sugiura, have responsibility to this Rating Action and to the best of my knowledge:
- A) No part of the credit rating was influenced by any other business activities.
- B) The credit rating was based solely upon the merits of the obligor, security, or money market instrument being rated.
- C) The credit rating was an independent evaluation of the credit risk of the obligor, security, or money market instrument.

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