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JCR was certified as "Approved Credit Rating Agency" in Thailand

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 - (b) Ratings on the debt securities issued by a juristic person established under the Thai law if (x) such debt securities are simultaneously issued and offered for sale domestically and overseas, (y) such debt securities are denominated in a foreign currency issued and offered for sale in Thailand, or (z) such debt securities are the securitization products whose originator is an agency or an organization of a foreign government or a juristic person established under a foreign law;
 - (c) Ratings on the debt securities issued by a juristic person established under a foreign law, an agency or an organization of a foreign government or an international organization (e.g., ratings on the bonds issued in Thailand by Japanese companies or Japanese government agencies);
 - (d) Ratings assigned to the derivative warrants issued by a foreign bank or a foreign insurance company whose branch has been approved to undertake commercial banking business or insurance business in Thailand:
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 - (f) Ratings on the guarantor of the derivative warrants (N.B. In this case, the guarantor is not limited to foreign entities); and
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