

Banco del Estado de Chile's Senior Unsecured Notes For A\$40 Million Rated 'A+'

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MEXICO CITY (S&P Global Ratings) Jan. 24, 2018--S&P Global Ratings said today that it assigned its 'A+' issue-level rating to Banco del Estado de Chile's (Banco Estado; A+/Stable/A-1) A\$40 million senior unsecured medium-term notes due 2030 with a fixed rate. The bank issued notes under its \$3.5 billion medium-term notes program.

"The rating on the notes reflects their pari passu ranking with the bank's other senior unsecured debt obligations, and as a result, it's the same as the long-term issuer credit rating on the bank," said S&P credit analyst Ivana Recalde. The notes represent less than 0.1% of Banco Estado's total funding base; therefore, we don't expect this issuance to change our view of the bank's funding profile. Banco Estado will use the proceeds primarily for general corporate purposes.

The issuer credit ratings on Banco Estado incorporate our view that there's an extremely high likelihood that Chile (foreign currency: A+/Stable/A-1; local currency: AA-/Stable/A-1+) would provide extraordinary and timely support to the bank in the event of financial distress.

RELATED CRITERIA

- Criteria - Financial Institutions - General: Risk-Adjusted Capital Framework Methodology, July 20, 2017
- General Criteria: Methodology For Linking Long-Term And Short-Term Ratings , April 7, 2017

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