

## Recovery Ratings Assigned To 16 Mexican Speculative-Grade Corporate Issues

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MEXICO CITY (Standard & Poor's) Sept. 5, 2008--Standard & Poor's Ratings Services said today that it has assigned recovery ratings to secured and unsecured loan and bond issues of 13 speculative-grade Mexican corporations in the past week.

On Aug. 29 and today, we assigned recovery ratings to a total of 16 issues. We also began to apply our recovery rating scale and issue rating criteria guidelines to the debt. This resulted in 14 affirmations of issue-level ratings and the raising of two.

"The launch of our recovery

ratings in Mexico represents a new stage in our efforts to keep abreast of Mexico's evolving debt markets," said Standard & Poor's credit analyst José Coballasi. "Our recent review of Mexico's insolvency regime, analysis of past debt recoveries in the country, and fundamental issuer- and instrument-specific, scenario-based recovery analyses support this initiative."

Recovery ratings are indicators of estimated recovery prospects for creditors in the event of a debt issuer's payment default and are inputs to our traditional issue-level ratings. Going forward, in determining the

global-scale issue ratings for speculative-grade Mexican issuers, we will consider both the corporate credit rating, which indicates our view of the entity's likelihood of default, and the issue-specific recovery rating. We have not assigned recovery ratings under the Mexican (CaVal) national rating scale.

We published a recovery report today for each issuer to which we assigned a new recovery rating. These reports, which explain the rationale behind our recovery rating conclusions, can be found on RatingsDirect, the real-time Web-based source for Standard & Poor's credit ratings, research, and risk analysis, at [www.ratingsdirect.com](http://www.ratingsdirect.com). They are also posted at [www.standardandpoors.com](http://www.standardandpoors.com).

We assigned recovery ratings to debt issues of Axtel S.A.B. de C.V., Cablemás S.A. de C.V., Corporación Durango S.A.B. de C.V., Desarrolladora Homex S.A.B. de C.V., Grupo KUO S.A.B. de C.V., Grupo Posadas S.A.B. de C.V., Industrias Unidas S.A. de C.V., Maxcom Telecomunicaciones S.A.B. de C.V., Oceanografía S.A. de C.V., Urbi Desarrollos Urbanos S.A.B. de C.V., and Vitro S.A.B. de C.V. We assigned recovery ratings and upgraded Corporación Interamericana de Entretenimiento S.A.B. de C.V. to 'BB-' from 'B+' and Xignux S.A. de C.V. to 'BB+' from 'BB'. Issue ratings for these two entities had been one notch below the credit rating, where they had reflected our previous approach to structural subordination.

(For more information on these rating actions, see "Recovery Ratings Assigned To Speculative-Grade Mexican Corporations' Debt," published earlier today on RatingsDirect.)

The rollout of recovery ratings on Mexican speculative-grade debt issues follows the release of recovery ratings in the U.S., Europe, and other markets. It reflects our belief that postdefault principal recovery has become a key factor in the decisions of local and international investors and creditors.

(For more information on recovery ratings in Mexico, see Standard & Poor's "Debt Recovery For Creditors And The Law Of Insolvency In Mexico" and "Introducing Recovery Ratings In Mexico," both published Sept. 19, 2007, on RatingsDirect.)

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