

Announcement of Periodic Review: Moody's Ratings announces completion of a periodic review of ratings of CETIN Group N.V.

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Madrid, July 19, 2024 -- Moody's Ratings (Moody's) has completed a periodic review of the ratings of CETIN Group N.V. and other ratings that are associated with this issuer.

The review was conducted through a rating committee held on 16 July 2024 in which we reassessed the appropriateness of the ratings in the context of the relevant principal methodology(ies), and recent developments.

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Key Rating considerations and rationale are summarized below.

CETIN Group N.V.'s (CETIN Group) Baa2 rating with a negative outlook remains unchanged. The rating reflects the company's leading position in the telecom market in the Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) region; the solid and predictable operating performance of its subsidiaries; and the group's financial policy of sustaining net reported leverage at or below 3.0x.

However the rating also reflects its low free cash flow generation due to high capital spending and dividends payments; the uncertainties around the acquisition of an equity stake in the group by Emirates Telecommunications Grp Co PJSC (e&, Aa3 stable); the complexity of its group structure with the presence of different credit pools, given the fact that PPF Telecom Group B.V. (PPF Telecom, Ba1 negative) has debt of its own and owns 70% of CETIN Group, which in turn also has debt of its own; and the aggressive liquidity management of the PPF Telecom group.

The negative rating outlook reflects the parent/subsidiary relationship between PPF Telecom and CETIN Group, with a maximum of a two-notch differential in the ratings

between these entities. Following the negative outlook of PPF Telecom, CETIN Group also carries this outlook on its ratings.

This document summarizes our view as of the publication date and will not be updated until the next periodic review announcement, which will incorporate material changes in credit circumstances (if any) during the intervening period.

The principal methodology used for this review was Communications Infrastructure published in February 2022. Please see the Rating Methodologies page on https://ratings.moodys.com for a copy of this methodology.

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