

Announcement: Moody's affirms all Alliander group's ratings on proposed merger of Alliander Finance B.V. and Alliander N.V.

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London, 20 June 2011 -- Moody's Investors Service has today affirmed the ratings of all instruments currently issued by the Alliander group. Moody's says that the proposed merger of Alliander Finance B.V. and Alliander N.V. will not have an impact on the ratings.

RATINGS RATIONALE

The rating agency notes that the current ratings for Alliander Finance B.V., which acts as a funding arm for its parent, Alliander N.V., reflect the parent's full and unconditional guarantee, which justifies the current equalisation of the ratings. On merging, the guarantor, Alliander N.V., will be the substitute issuer for all notes currently issued in the name of Alliander Finance B.V.

The following ratings are affirmed. The outlook on all ratings is stable:

- Alliander N.V.: Aa3 long term issuer rating;
- Alliander N.V.: A3 rating of EUR500 million Perpetual Capital Securities;
- Alliander N.V.: (P) Aa3/(P)P-1 senior unsecured ratings of the EUR3 billion EMTN programme
- Aa3 senior unsecured ratings of all notes issued by Alliander Finance B.V. (to be replaced by Alliander N.V.) under the EUR3 billion EMTN programme

The principal methodologies used in this rating were Regulated Electric and Gas Networks published in August 2009, and Government-Related Issuers: Methodology Update published in July 2010.

Please see ratings tab on the issuer/entity page on Moodys.com for the last rating action and the rating history.

Headquartered in Arnhem, Netherlands, Alliander N.V. is the Netherlands' largest owner and operator of electricity and gas networks, servicing 3.0 million customers.

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