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Bulletin:

Banca Popolare dell'Alto Adige Ratings Unaffected By Bank of Italy Inspection Outcome

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MILAN (S&P Global Ratings) June 20, 2016--S&P Global Ratings said today that its ratings and outlook on Italy-based Banca Popolare dell'Alto Adige (BPAA; BB/Positive/B) are unaffected by the outcome of the Bank of Italy's recent regulatory inspection.

The Bank of Italy requested that BPAA perform additional reclassifications of customer loan exposures from performing to nonperforming, mainly in the "unlikely to repay" category. As a result, BPAA will take an additional loan-loss provision of €30 million.

We estimate that the additional provision will lower forecast 2016 net income to close to zero, and will have a limited negative impact on S&P Global Ratings' risk-adjusted capital (RAC) ratio for BPAA. The loan reclassification increases our estimated nonperforming asset (NPA) ratio by about 1 percentage point at end-2016.

We still expect BPAA's net NPA ratio to improve to around 6% over the next 12-18 months, however, supported by the particularly favorable economic and operating conditions that prevail in the Trentino Alto Adige region, and BPAA's historically good track record in managing down NPAs through recoveries and write-offs.

Only a rating committee may determine a rating action and this report does not

constitute a rating action.

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