

## Banco del Estado de Chile's CHF100 Million Senior Unsecured Medium-Term Notes Rated 'AA-'

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MEXICO CITY (S&P Global Ratings) April 6, 2017--S&P Global Ratings said today that it assigned its 'AA-' issue-level rating to Banco del Estado de Chile's (Banco Estado; AA-/Negative/A-1+) 100 million Swiss francs (CHF) senior unsecured medium-term notes due in 2027 with fixed rate. The notes were issued under the bank's \$3 billion medium-term notes program with a maturity period of 10 years.

"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 Global Ratings credit analyst Ivana Recalde. The notes represent only about 0.2% of Banco Estado's total funding base and, therefore, we don't expect this issuance to change our view of the bank's funding profile. The bank will use the proceeds primarily for general corporate purposes.

The ratings on Banco Estado reflect its strong business position as the only state-owned bank and the country's largest bank in terms of deposits and the third in terms of total loans, moderate capital and earnings stemming from a projected risk-adjusted capital (RAC) ratio of about 5.6% for the next 18 months, capital quality that is weaker than peers' due to the high share of deferred tax assets, adequate risk position amid improved asset quality metrics, above-average funding from a high share of stable deposits, and

strong liquidity. The ratings incorporate our view that there's an extremely high likelihood that Chile (foreign currency: AA-/Negative/A-1+; local currency: AA/Negative/A-1+) would provide extraordinary and timely support to the bank in the event of financial distress. Due to this support, the long-term issuer credit ratings on the bank are three notches higher than the stand-alone credit profile (SACP).

#### RELATED CRITERIA

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#### RATINGS LIST

Banco del Estado de Chile

Issuer Credit Rating

AA-/Negative/A-1+

Rating Assigned

Banco del Estado de Chile

Sr. Unsec. Notes due 2027

AA-

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