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## Banco del Estado de Chile's JPY24 Billion Senior Unsecured Notes Rated 'AA-'

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MEXICO CITY (Standard & Poor's) June 11, 2013--Standard & Poor's Ratings Services said today that it has assigned its 'AA-' debt rating to Banco del Estado de Chile's (Banco Estado; AA-/Stable/A-1+) senior unsecured JPY24 billion notes due 2018. The notes were issued under the bank's \$2 billion medium-term notes program and they will have a maturity period of five years.

The rating on the notes is equalized with the long-term issuer credit rating on Banco Estado, and reflects our view that the notes will rank pari passu with the bank's other senior unsecured debt. We expect the notes to be the bank's unsecured, unsubordinated, and unconditional obligations. Banco Estado will use the proceeds for general banking purposes.

The ratings on Banco Estado reflect its "strong" business position, "moderate" capital and earnings, "adequate" risk position, "above average" funding, and "adequate" liquidity (all as defined in our criteria), and our view that there is very high likelihood that the government of Chile (foreign currency: AA-/Stable/A-1+; local currency: AA+/Stable/A-1+) would provide extraordinary and timely support to the bank in the event of a financial distress.

We base our view of this support on our assessment of Banco Estado's "very important" role, in accordance with our criteria for government-related entities, as a financial vehicle in promoting banking products and home ownership to Chile's low-income population, and the bank's "very strong" link with the government, which fully owns the bank. Because of these factors, we consider that there is a very "high likelihood" of support from Chile, and as

a result, our issuer credit rating on the bank is four notches higher than its stand-alone credit profile. For the latest credit rationale on Banco Estado, please see full analysis published on May 31, 2013.

RELATED CRITERIA AND RESEARCH

- Banks: Rating Methodology And Assumptions, Nov. 9, 2011
- Banking Industry Country Risk Assessment Methodology And Assumptions, Nov. 9, 2011
- Rating Government-Related Entities: Methodology And Assumptions, Dec. 9, 2010

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