

## **Announcement**

The Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission announces the registration of 'Moody's Investor Service (Cyprus) Ltd' company as a Credit Rating Agency (CRA).

The 'Moody's Investor Service (Cyprus) Ltd' registration is issued pursuant to the European Regulation No. 1060/2009 on CRAs.

Credit rating agencies play an important role in global securities and banking markets, as their credit ratings are used by investors, borrowers, issuers and governments as part of making informed investment and financing decisions. Credit institutions, investment firms, insurance undertakings, assurance undertakings, reinsurance undertakings, undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) and institutions for occupational retirement provision may use those credit ratings as the reference for the calculation of their capital requirements for solvency purposes or for calculating risks in their investment activity. Consequently, credit ratings have a significant impact on the operation of the markets and on the trust and confidence of investors and consumers. It is essential, therefore, that credit rating activities are conducted in accordance with the principles of integrity, transparency, responsibility and good governance in order to ensure that resulting credit ratings used in the Community are independent, objective and of adequate quality.

The objective of the European Regulation 1060/2009 on CRAs, is to establish rules and measures to achieve the above objectives. According to this Regulation, the supervision of the European CRAs is conferred to the European Securities and Markets Authority – ESMA, which may delegate specific supervisory duties to the competent authorities of Member States.

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