

South Africa National Scale Ratings On Insurers Revised After Criteria Update; Removed From UCO

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- We have reviewed our national scale ratings on South African insurers that we labelled as under criteria observation on July 27, 2017, after recalibrating our national scale mapping table for South Africa.
- We are therefore revising our South Africa national scale ratings on the insurers and removing our UCO identifier on these ratings.

JOHANNESBURG (S&P Global Ratings) Aug. 7, 2017--S&P Global Ratings said today that it has reviewed its national scale ratings on South Africa's insurers that were labelled as under criteria observation (UCO) on July 27, 2017, after recalibrating its national scale mapping table for South Africa. As a result of this review, we have revised the national scale ratings on the insurers in the ratings list below. At the same time, we have removed the UCO identifier on these ratings.

For the new mapping, please see "S&P Global Ratings' National And Regional Scale Mapping Tables," published July 27, 2017, on RatingsDirect. The mapping tables are guidelines for how our national scales correspond to our global scale ratings.

These rating actions do not reflect any change in our view of the fundamental credit quality of the issuers or issues. Our global scale issuer and issue credit ratings on the insurers are not affected by today's rating actions.

National scale ratings express our opinion of the creditworthiness of an issuer or a debt instrument relative to other issuers and issues in a given country. The purpose is to provide a rank-ordering of credit risk within the country.

RELATED CRITERIA

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- Criteria - Insurance - General: Refined Methodology And Assumptions For Analyzing Insurer Capital Adequacy Using The Risk-Based Insurance Capital Model, June 7, 2010
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- General Criteria: Use Of CreditWatch And Outlooks, Sept. 14, 2009
- Criteria - Insurance - General: Hybrid Capital Handbook: September 2008 Edition, Sept. 15, 2008

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RATINGS LIST

National Scale Ratings Revised

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	To	From
AIG Life South Africa Ltd.		
AIG South Africa Ltd.		
Counterparty Credit Rating		
South Africa National Scale	zaAAA/--/--	zaAA/--/--
Allianz Global Corporate and Specialty South Africa Ltd.		
Counterparty Credit Rating		
South Africa National Scale	zaAAA/--/--	zaAA/--/--
GIC Re South Africa Ltd.		
Counterparty Credit Rating		
South Africa National Scale	zaAA+/--/--	zaA+/--/--
Liberty Group Ltd.		
Counterparty Credit Rating		
South Africa National Scale	zaAAA/--/zaA-1+	zaAA/--/zaA-1
Subordinated Deferrable	zaAA	zaA
Subordinated Non-Deferrable	zaAA+	zaA+
Old Mutual Life Assurance Co. (South Africa) Ltd.		
Counterparty Credit Rating		
South Africa National Scale	zaAAA/--/zaA-1+	zaAA/--/zaA-1
Subordinated Deferrable	zaAA	zaA
Sanlam Life Insurance Ltd.		
Counterparty Credit Rating		
South Africa National Scale	zaAAA/--/--	zaAA/--/--
Subordinated Deferrable	zaAA	zaA
Sanlam Ltd.		
Counterparty Credit Rating		
South Africa National Scale	zaA+/--/--	zaBBB/--/--
Santam Ltd.		
Counterparty Credit Rating		
South Africa National Scale	zaAAA/--/--	zaAA/--/--
Subordinated Deferrable	zaAA	zaA
Santam Structured Insurance Ltd.		
Financial Strength Rating		
Local Currency	zaAA/--/--	zaA/--/--

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AIG South Africa Ltd.
AIG Life South Africa Ltd.

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- Primary Credit Analyst: Trevor Barsdorf, Rating Analyst
- Rating Committee Chairperson: David Laxton
- Date initial rating assigned: Oct. 14, 2013
- Date of previous review: April 7, 2017

Allianz Global Corporate and Specialty South Africa Ltd. (AGCSSA)

- Primary Credit Analyst: Trevor Barsdorf, Rating Analyst
- Rating Committee Chairperson: David Laxton
- Date initial rating assigned: Aug. 14, 2014
- Date of previous review: April 7, 2017

GIC Re South Africa Ltd.

- Primary Credit Analyst: Trevor Barsdorf, Rating Analyst
- Rating Committee Chairperson: David Laxton
- Date initial rating assigned: July 20, 2015
- Date of previous review: July 20, 2017

Santam Ltd.

- Primary Credit Analyst: Trevor Barsdorf, Rating Analyst
- Rating Committee Chairperson: David Laxton
- Date initial rating assigned: Oct. 10, 2012
- Date of previous review: April 28, 2017

Santam Structured Insurance Ltd.

- Primary Credit Analyst: Trevor Barsdorf, Rating Analyst
- Rating Committee Chairperson: David Laxton
- Date initial rating assigned: May 24, 2017
- Date of previous review: May 24, 2017

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