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Ratings On 13 China- And Hong Kong-Based Entities Raised On Sovereign Upgrades

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HONG KONG (Standard & Poor's) Dec. 16, 2010--Standard & Poor's Ratings Services said today that it had taken the following rating actions on eight China-based and five Hong Kong-based companies:

China-based companies

Upgrade

	То	From
BNP Paribas (China) Ltd. Counterparty credit rating	AA-/Stable/A-1+	A+/Stable/A-1
China Life Insurance Co. Ltd. Corporate credit rating Financial strength rating	AA-/Stable/ AA-/Stable/	A+/Stable/ A+/Stable/
China Mobile Ltd. Corporate credit rating	AA-/Stable/	A+/Stable/
China National Offshore Oil Corp. Corporate credit rating	AA-/Stable/	A+/Stable/
China Petroleum & Chemical Corp. Corporate credit rating Foreign currency	A+/Stable/	A/Stable/
CNOOC Finance Corp. Ltd.		

Corporate credit rating	AA-/Stable/	A+/Stable/
CNOOC Ltd. Corporate credit rating	AA-/Stable/	A+/Stable/
Hang Seng Bank (China) Limited Counterparty credit rating	AA-/Stable/A-1+	A+/Stable/A-1
Hong Kong-based companies		
Upgrade		
	То	From
Airport Authority Hong Kong Corporate credit rating	AAA/Stable/	AA+/Stable/
Hong Kong Mortgage Corp. Ltd. Counterparty credit rating	AAA/Stable/A-1+	AA+/Stable/A-1+
Kowloon Canton Railway Corp. Corporate credit rating	AAA/Stable/A-1+	AA+/Stable/A-1+
MTR Corp. Ltd. Corporate credit rating	AAA/Stable/A-1+	AA+/Stable/A-1+
Urban Renewal Authority Corporate credit rating	AAA/Stable/	AA+/Stable/

We upgraded these companies after we: (1) raised the long-term sovereign credit rating on the People's Public of China to 'AA-' with a stable outlook and affirmed the A-1+ short-term rating; and (2) raised the long-term issuer credit rating on Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region) to 'AAA' with a stable outlook and affirmed the 'A-1+' short-term rating.

RELATED CRITERIA AND RESEARCH

- Long-Term Ratings On China Raised To 'AA-' On Assessment Of Improved Financial And Economic Stability; Outlook Stable, published Dec. 16, 2010
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- Financial Institutions Criteria, published as a PDF book in July 2008
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