

**Meeting Between Staff of the Federal Reserve Board and the Association of Financial
Guaranty Insurers
July 14, 2015**

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Summary: Staff of the Federal Reserve Board met with representatives of the Association of Financial Guaranty Insurers to discuss the proposed rule to amend the Liquidity Coverage Ratio rule to include certain U.S. general obligation municipal securities as high-quality liquid assets (HQLA). Specifically, representatives of the Association of Financial Guaranty Insurers discussed the proposed exclusion of insured municipal securities from HQLA. A presentation provided by the Association of Financial Guaranty Insurers that describes these issues in greater detail is attached.

Attachment



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Overview: Assured Guaranty

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Assured Guaranty Financial Guaranty Insurance



- We guaranty payment of 100% of bond principal and interest when due
- Our guaranties are unconditional and irrevocable
- Investors also benefit from our credit selection, underwriting and surveillance
- Bonds we insure are highly liquid, with \$400 million of daily trading volume
- Bond ratings reflect the insurer's financial strength rating (unless the issuer is more highly rated)
- The credit enhancement and other benefits we provide allows issuers to sell bonds at a lower all-in financing cost
- The presence of bond insurance directly affects the interest rate the market will require the issuer to pay
- The value of the insurance, and therefore the frequency of its use, tends to increase with higher interest rates and wider credit spreads

Assured Guaranty Today



Assured Guaranty Ltd.

As of March 31, 2015
(\$ in billions)

GAAP	
Total investment portfolio and cash ¹	\$11.4
Net unearned premium reserve ²	\$3.8
Shareholders' equity	\$5.8

Statutory Basis	
Qualified statutory capital	\$6.5
Claims-paying resources ³	\$12.0
Net par outstanding	\$362.3

- **Assured Guaranty is the leading financial guaranty franchise**
 - We maintain strong financial strength ratings from S&P, Moody's, KBRA, and A.M. Best
 - Other industry members include a start-up that commenced business in 2012 and a legacy insurer that re-entered the market in 2014
- **Assured Guaranty serves the market primarily through three platforms**
 - Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. (AGM) focuses exclusively on public finance and global infrastructure transactions
 - Municipal Assurance Corp. (MAC) insures only U.S. municipal bonds, primarily small and medium-size issues in select categories
 - Assured Guaranty Corp. (AGC) insures the same categories as AGM as well as selected sectors within the U.S. and international structured finance market
- **Assured also includes the largest financial guaranty reinsurer, Assured Guaranty Re Ltd. ("AG Re"), domiciled in Bermuda**

1. Includes \$290 million of investments in securities purchased or obtained as part of loss mitigation or other risk management strategies whose issuers were subsequently consolidated as variable interest entities (VIEs). Excludes \$132 million of other invested assets not available for sale.

2. Unearned premium reserve net of ceded unearned premium reserve.

3. Claims-paying resources are calculated as the sum of statutory policyholders' surplus, statutory contingency reserve, statutory unearned premium reserves, statutory loss and loss adjustment expense (LAE) reserves, present value of installment premium on financial guaranty and credit derivatives, discounted at 6%, committed capital securities, and excess of loss reinsurance. Total claims-paying resources are used by the Company to evaluate the adequacy of capital resources.

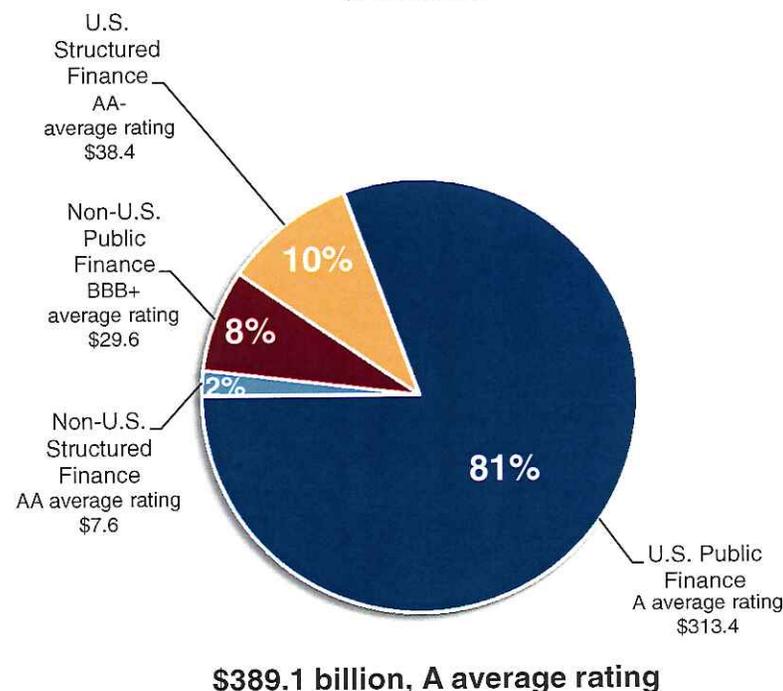
Assured Guaranty's Underwriting Discipline



- **Our U.S. public finance portfolio, our largest exposure category, performed well during the recession and in subsequent years, despite persistent financial pressures on municipal obligors**
 - We have tightened our public finance underwriting standards
 - Out of approximately 9,400 direct U.S. public finance obligors, we expect future losses to be paid, net of recoveries, on less than a dozen. In 1Q-15, we made payments on only two
- **Our principal losses in the last several years have been on U.S. RMBS due to the lack of adherence to underwriting standards by mortgage originators**
 - Neither AGM nor AGC underwrote collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) backed by RMBS, which has protected us from losses on the scale experienced by our former competitors

Assured Guaranty Consolidated Net Par Outstanding¹

As of March 31, 2015
(\$ in billions)



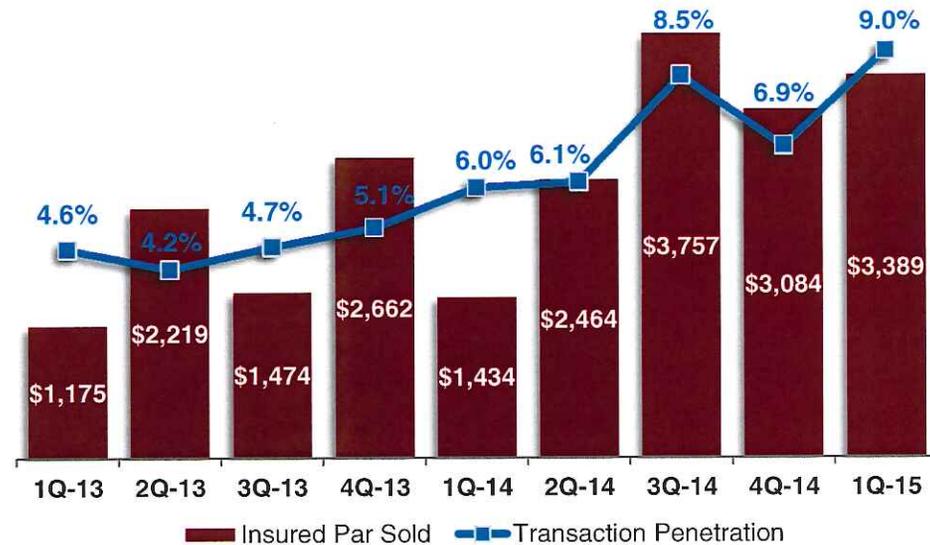
1. Net par outstanding is presented on a GAAP basis.

Assured Guaranty's New Business Production Penetration in the U.S. Public Finance Market



- We are focused on building demand for our guaranties, both in the primary and the secondary markets
 - Secondary market policies in 1Q-15 totaled 92 or \$142 million
- Despite headwinds, both par insured and market penetration were higher in first quarter 2015
 - Industry penetration of the number of transactions with underlying A ratings increased to 55.2% in 1Q-15, up from 39.8% in 1Q-14
 - Industry par penetration for all transactions with underlying A ratings increased to 21.6% in 1Q-15, up from 15.2% in 1Q-14
- Industry penetration for smaller deals remains strong at 19.8% of all transactions under \$25 million in 1Q-15

**Assured Guaranty
New Issue U.S. Public Finance
Insured Par Sold and Transaction Penetration¹**
(\$ in millions)



U.S. Public Finance New Issuance	1Q-13	2Q-13	3Q-13	4Q-13	1Q-14	2Q-14	3Q-14	4Q-14	1Q-15
Total Par Issued (\$ in billions)	\$81.3	\$88.7	\$67.9	\$73.4	\$60.4	\$83.1	\$72.3	\$99.3	\$103.9
Total Transactions Issued	2,785	3,357	2,155	2,285	1,955	2,964	2,376	2,871	3,057

1. Source: SDC database. As of March 31, 2015.

Industry-Wide New Business Production Penetration in the U.S. Public Finance Market



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	2012	2013	2014	1Q 2015
Market penetration par	3.6%	3.9%	5.9%	5.7%
Market penetration based on number of issues	9.2%	9.7%	13.8%	16.9%
% of single A par sold	11.9%	11.0%	19.7%	21.6%
% of single A transactions sold	29.5%	30.6%	49.3%	55.2%
% of under \$25 million par sold	11.7%	10.9%	16.5%	19.8%
% of under \$25 million transactions sold	10.3%	10.7%	15.4%	19.8%

Assured Guaranty's Four Discrete Operating Companies With Separate Capital Bases



Consolidated Claims-Paying Resources and Statutory-Basis Exposures

(\$ in millions)	As of March 31, 2015					
	AGM	AGC	MAC	AG Re ⁸	Eliminations ⁴	Consolidated
Claims-paying resources						
Policyholders' surplus	\$ 2,211	\$ 1,098	\$ 618	\$ 1,054	\$ (878)	\$ 4,103
Contingency reserve ¹	1,519	839	311	—	(311)	2,358
Qualified statutory capital	3,730	1,937	929	1,054	(1,189)	6,461
Unearned premium reserve ¹	1,702	624	558	857	(558)	3,183
Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves ^{1,2}	483	84	—	274	—	841
Total policyholders' surplus and reserves	5,915	2,645	1,487	2,185	(1,747)	10,485
Present value of installment premium ¹	289	218	3	170	(3)	677
Committed Capital Securities	200	200	—	—	—	400
Excess of loss reinsurance facility ³	450	450	450	—	(900)	450
Total claims-paying resources						
(including proportionate MAC ownership for AGM and AGC)	\$ 6,854	\$ 3,513	\$ 1,940	\$ 2,355	\$ (2,650)	\$ 12,012
Adjustment for MAC ⁵	944	546	—	—	(1,490)	—
Total claims-paying resources						
(excluding proportionate MAC ownership for AGM and AGC)	\$ 5,910	\$ 2,967	\$ 1,940	\$ 2,355	\$ (1,160)	\$ 12,012
Statutory net par outstanding ⁶	\$ 145,064	\$ 43,536	\$ 77,249	\$ 97,896	\$ (1,445)	\$ 362,300
Equity method adjustment ⁷	46,890	30,359	—	—	(77,249)	—
Adjusted statutory net par outstanding ¹	\$ 191,954	\$ 73,895	\$ 77,249	\$ 97,896	\$ (78,694)	\$ 362,300
Net debt service outstanding ⁶	\$ 224,249	\$ 64,641	\$ 115,083	\$ 154,625	\$ (3,053)	\$ 555,545
Equity method adjustment ⁷	69,855	45,228	—	—	(115,083)	—
Adjusted net debt service outstanding ¹	\$ 294,104	\$ 109,869	\$ 115,083	\$ 154,625	\$ (118,136)	\$ 555,545

1. The numbers shown for Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. (AGM) and Assured Guaranty Corp. (AGC) have been adjusted to include (i) their 100% share of their respective U.K. insurance subsidiaries and (ii) their indirect share of Municipal Assurance Corp. (MAC). AGM and AGC own 60.7% and 39.3%, respectively, of the outstanding stock of Municipal Assurance Holdings Inc., which owns 100% of the outstanding common stock of MAC. Amounts include financial guaranty insurance and credit derivatives.

2. Reserves are reduced by approximately \$0.2 billion for benefit related to representation and warranty recoverables.

3. Represents an aggregate \$450 million excess-of-loss reinsurance facility for the benefit of AGM, AGC and MAC, which became effective January 1, 2014. The facility terminates on January 1, 2016, unless AGM, AGC and MAC choose to extend it.

4. Eliminations are primarily for (i) intercompany surplus notes between AGM and AGC, and between AGM and MAC, (ii) MAC amounts, whose proportionate share are included in AGM and AGC based on ownership percentages. Net par and net debt service outstanding eliminations relate to second-to-pay policies under which an Assured Guaranty insurance subsidiary guarantees an obligation already insured by another Assured Guaranty insurance subsidiary, and net par related to intercompany cessions from AGM and AGC to MAC.

5. Represents adjustment for AGM's and AGC's interest and indirect ownership of MAC's total policyholders' surplus, contingency reserve, unearned premium reserve, loss reserves and present value of installment premium.

6. Net par outstanding and net debt service outstanding are presented on a separate company statutory basis. Under statutory accounting, such amounts would be reduced both when an outstanding issue is legally defeased (i.e., an issuer has legally discharged its obligations with respect to a municipal security by satisfying conditions set forth in defeasance provisions contained in transaction documents and is no longer responsible for the payment of debt service with respect to such obligations) and when such issue is economically defeased (i.e., transaction documents for a municipal security do not contain defeasance provisions but the issuer establishes an escrow account with U.S. government securities in amounts sufficient to pay the refunded bonds when due; the refunded bonds are not considered paid and continue to be outstanding under the transaction documents, and the issuer remains responsible to pay debt service when due to the extent monies on deposit in the escrow account are insufficient for such purpose).

7. Equity method adjustment is an adjustment made to reflect AGM's and AGC's net exposure to MAC, as determined by their indirect equity ownership.

8. Assured Guaranty Re Ltd. (AG Re) numbers represent the Company's estimate of U.S. statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by insurance regulatory authorities.

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- For these statements, the Company claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”).

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