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Dear Madam/Sir,

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#### **Company Update**

Pursuant to Regulation 30 (2) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we wish to inform the following:

Enclosed is a press release issued by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services indicating the revision in China Scale Ratings on CNY bonds issued by ICICI Bank Limited's Bahrain branch alongwith the rationale for the same.

This is for your information and necessary action

Yours faithfully,

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# China Scale Ratings On Bonds By ICICI's, HDFC Bank's Bahrain Branches Lowered To 'cnBBB+'; Global Ratings Affirmed

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SINGAPORE (Standard & Poor's) Jan. 22, 2016--Standard & Poor's Ratings Services today said that it had lowered its long-term Greater China regional scale issue rating on bonds issued by the Bahrain branches of ICICI Bank Ltd. (foreign currency: BBB-/Stable/A-3) and HDFC Bank Ltd. (BBB-/Stable/A-3) to 'cnBBB+' from 'cnA-'. We affirmed the 'BBB-' long-term issue ratings on these bonds (see ratings list below).

We lowered the Greater China regional scale ratings on the bonds following the launch of our new national and regional scale mapping tables (see Standard & Poor's National And Regional Scale Mapping Tables, published Jan. 19, 2016, on RatingsDirect). The foreign currency rating on the host sovereign caps our view of the creditworthiness of the branches. The sovereign rating on Bahrain (BBB-/Negative/A-3) maps to a 'cnBBB+' Greater China regional scale rating. Therefore the bonds issued by these banks' Bahrain branches are rated 'cnBBB+'.

#### Ratings List

	То	From
Greater China Regional Scale Issue Ratings	Lowered	
ICICI Bank CNY600 million, 4.00% due 2017	cnBBB+	cnA-
HDFC Bank CNY150 million, 4.30% due 2018	cnBBB+	cnA-

### China Scale Ratings On Bonds By ICICI's, HDFC Bank's Bahrain Branches Lowered To 'cnBBB+'; Global Ratings Affirmed

Global Scale Issue Ratings Affirmed

ICICI Bank CNY600 million, 4.00% due 2017 BBB-HDFC Bank CNY150 million, 4.30% due 2018 BBB-

RELATED CRITERIA AND RESEARCH

#### Related Criteria

- Standard & Poor's National And Regional Scale Mapping Tables, Jan. 19,
- National And Regional Scale Credit Ratings, Sept. 22, 2014
- Assessing Bank Branch Creditworthiness, Oct. 14, 2013
- Banks: Rating Methodology And Assumptions, Nov. 9, 2011
- Use Of CreditWatch And Outlooks, Sept. 14, 2009

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