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MOODY'S ANALYTICS COMPLETES MICROFINANCE SOCIAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OF FUNDACIÓN PARAGUAYA

NEW YORK, JULY 16, 2014 -- Moody's Analytics announced today that it has completed a social performance assessment (SPA) of Fundación Paraguaya, which provides financial services to mainly self-employed, low-income women and training in entrepreneurship in Paraguay, where it also runs four agricultural schools. Fundación Paraguaya is a Kiva partner and member of Acción International, Teach a Man to Fish and the Paraguay Microfinance Network. It currently has approximately 58,000 customers.

Moody's Analytics assigned Fundación Paraguaya an SPA grade of SP2 following on-site due diligence of the organization's operations and interviews with customers and staff, and achieved the highest overall score by an MFI to date on a global basis. The grade signifies that Fundación Paraguaya's infrastructure and processes are consistent with a high likelihood of operating in the best interests of its customers, and that this is among its highest priorities.

"Fundación Paraguaya demonstrates a strong commitment to eradicating poverty, as set forth in its mission statement," says Alan Bonilla, Assistant Vice President, Social Performance Group at Moody's Analytics. "This commitment is reflected in its policies and initiatives that aim to spark entrepreneurship and promote self-employment among youth and women."

In addition, Fundación Paraguaya has developed and implemented an innovative poverty-measurement tool that captures factors such as access to drinkable water, garbage disposal and family savings, allowing microfinance loans and training to be tailored to its customers' needs, Bonilla says.

The SPA report on Fundación Paraguaya is based on Moody's Analytics' [Social Performance Assessment Methodology](#). SPAs measure social performance on a five-point scale, in which SP1 is the highest grade and SP5, the lowest. The Fundación Paraguaya SPA report and Moody's Analytics Social Performance Methodology are available on Moody's Analytics' [website](#).

About Fundación Paraguaya

Fundación Paraguaya is a not-for-profit social enterprise dedicated to providing innovative solutions to overcoming poverty. Established in 1985, it runs three interrelated programs: a microfinance program, an entrepreneurial education program and a schools program. It operates through 24 branches in Paraguay, where it has a loan portfolio of approximately US\$24 million, with an average loan size of US\$415. Women make up 87% of its customer base.

About Moody Analytics' Social Performance Assessments

Moody Analytics' SPA is an independent analysis of the operations of a microfinance institution that helps stakeholders better understand how effective it is at translating its social mission into practice. Moody's Analytics SPA has been recognized by the Clinton Global Initiative for contributing to the development of the microfinance industry through the creation of a comprehensive, global standard to measure social performance. Further information is available at www.moodyanalytics.com/microfinance.

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