

# Bayport Securitisation (RF) Class A BAYA84 and BAYA85 ABS Notes Assigned Ratings; Outstanding Ratings Raised

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## Overview

- We have assigned our long-term 'zaAAA (sf)' ratings to Bayport Securitisation (RF)'s class A BAYA84 and BAYA85 notes.
- At the same time, we have raised to 'zaAAA (sf)' from 'zaAA+ (sf)' our ratings on all of the outstanding class A notes issued previously.
- Bayport Securitisation (RF) securitizes a portfolio of South African consumer loan receivables that Bayport Financial Services 2010 (Pty) originated.

LONDON (S&P Global Ratings) Nov. 30, 2020--S&P Global Ratings today assigned its long-term 'zaAAA (sf)' credit ratings to Bayport Securitisation (RF) Ltd.'s class A BAYA84 and BAYA85 notes. At the same time, we have raised to 'zaAAA (sf)' from 'zaAA+ (sf)' our ratings on the outstanding class A notes (see list).

Today's rating actions reflect our credit and cash flow analysis using the most recent available collateral performance data (as of September 2020). We have considered the most recent transaction structure in our analysis, taking into account the new issuance and existing notes' amortization as of the most recent investor report (September 2020).

Bayport Securitisation (RF) securitizes a portfolio of South African consumer loan receivables that Bayport Financial Services 2010 (Pty) Ltd. (Bayport) originated in the ordinary course of its business. The transaction does not have a fixed revolving period; it revolves until the issuer fully repays the outstanding debt, or until an acceleration event occurs. During the revolving period the issuer can issue new notes or repay outstanding notes.

## Rating Rationale

### Economic outlook

In our credit analysis, we have considered our latest forecasts for South Africa's economy (see "Related Research").

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## Macroeconomic Outlook

	2019	2020f	2021f	2022f	2023f
Real GDP (y/y growth; %)	0.2	(7.3)	3.6	2.5	1.3
Unemployment rate (annual average; %)	28.7	30.0	30.9	30.1	29.8
CPI (%)	4.1	3.3	4.0	4.4	4.4

f--Forecast.

S&P Global Ratings believes there remains a high degree of uncertainty about the evolution of the coronavirus pandemic. Reports that at least one experimental vaccine is highly effective and might gain initial approval by the end of the year are promising, but this is merely the first step toward a return to social and economic normality; equally critical is the widespread availability of effective immunization, which could come by the middle of next year. We use this assumption in assessing the economic and credit implications associated with the pandemic (see our research here: [www.spglobal.com/ratings](http://www.spglobal.com/ratings)). As the situation evolves, we will update our assumptions and estimates accordingly.

## Credit risk

We have analyzed credit risk by applying our securitized consumer receivables criteria to derive our default and recovery assumptions for various rating levels. We considered the historical performance data available from January 2008 to September 2020. Our analysis showed that extrapolated default rates improved in consumer loan cohorts originated between 2016 and 2019. The trend in lower default rates can be explained by Bayport's more stringent origination policy standards introduced in mid-2015 and further adjustments to its scorecards in April 2016. Since June 2016, cumulative gross losses have remained below 30% compared with our 40% gross loss base case. Following the COVID-19 outbreak, and the new set of performance data, we have seen a mild deterioration in the asset performance, which is still below our set base case. This performance follows our expectation as part of our forward-looking view.

In our view, the headroom between our base-case assumption and the observed actual gross losses accounts for potential performance deterioration related to the COVID-19 outbreak and expected increase in unemployment rate. Therefore, in our analysis, we have not applied any additional stresses related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Bayport Financial Services confirmed that it does not provide payment holidays to its obligors, which mitigates the potential accumulation of future defaults in the pool. In addition, the consumer loans securitized in the portfolio are unsecured receivables. Therefore, we believe that the recovery process has not been materially affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our credit analysis assumptions remain unchanged since our previous review of the transaction ("Bayport Securitisation (RF) Class A BAYA 82 and BAYA 83 ABS Notes Assigned Ratings; Outstanding Ratings Affirmed," published on Sept. 30, 2020).

## Base Case And Stressed Default And Recovery Assumptions

	Default rate	Recovery rate
Base case (%)	40.00	5.00

## Base Case And Stressed Default And Recovery Assumptions (cont.)

	Default rate	Recovery rate
<b>Stressed assumptions (%)</b>		
zaAAA	46.60	4.13
zaAA+	44.20	4.38

## Operational risk

We consider the risk related to the servicer to be mitigated at the assigned ratings in line with our operational risk criteria. In our view, severity risk (the effect of servicer disruption) is moderate, and portability risk (the inability to replace the servicer) is high. Considering the securitized product, our view of the disruption risk of Bayport a key transaction party in this transaction, and the availability of the warm back-up servicer--Transaction Capital Recoveries Proprietary Ltd. (formerly known as MBD Credit Solutions [PTY] Ltd.)--since closing, the operational risk constrains the maximum potential ratings achievable for the notes at a global scale 'A+' level (corresponding to the national level of 'zaAAA').

## Cash flow analysis

Our cash flow model reflects our assessment of the transaction's payment structure and our credit and cash flow assumptions, including the issuance of the additional class A notes on Nov. 30, 2020. We applied our cash flow analysis framework to the cash flow stresses at each rating level. The class A BAYA84 and BAYA85 notes are floating-rate bullet notes with a legal final maturity date in December 2022 and December 2023, respectively. Our cash flow analysis considered the transaction's structural features, including the credit enhancement that the available cash and performing balance provide.

In line with our cash flow analysis framework criteria, our default assumption incorporates elements of both credit and liquidity stresses. The high level of default stress that we apply in this transaction already results in high liquidity stress on account of cash flow available during the recession period to make interest payments.

We believe that the higher base case set for this transaction compared with the underlying assets' observed performance, captures the COVID-19 stresses, and so no further stresses are applied.

Our analysis indicates that the available credit enhancement for the outstanding rated class A notes is sufficient to mitigate the credit and cash flow risks at the 'zaAAA' rating level, which corresponds to global scale ratings of 'BB' and higher. The improvement in the stressed cash flow results since our previous review primarily stems from the change in maturity profile of the bullet notes.

In our view, the class A notes with bullet maturity dates in June 2021--BAYA68, BAYA69, BAYA70, and BAYA71--no longer exhibit high sensitivity to liquidity stresses, thanks to the measures implemented by the originator. As part of the current restructuring, the class A BAYA68 and BAYA69 notes were fully redeemed, and the class A BAYA70 and BAYA71 notes were partially redeemed ahead of their legal maturities. The remaining exposure to the bullet notes maturing in June 2021 interest payment date (IPD) significantly reduced to South African rand (ZAR) 137.5 million from ZAR422.5 million at the end of September 2020. The newly issued class A BAYA84 and

BAYA85 notes will have maturities at the end of 2022 and 2023.

Due to a high amount of cash available in the issuer accounts (ZAR709.6 million at the end of October 2020), reduced cost of debt (three-month Johannesburg Interbank Average Rate [JIBAR] reduced further to 3.33% in November 2020 from 4.6% in April and 3.5% in August 2020), and the outstanding liabilities amount compared to the assets, the notes currently pass at the 'zaAAA' rating level.

In our view, the risk that the bullet notes may not be fully repaid at their bullet maturity date is mitigated under the notes' current maturity profile. Given the structural mechanisms in place, which include a principal accumulation reserve for notes with bullet maturities, we believe this risk is commensurate with the current ratings assigned. As part of our ongoing surveillance process, we will continue monitoring the level of cash available at the issuer level and other mitigating factors to ensure the likelihood of full repayment of the bullet notes remains commensurate with the assigned ratings.

## **Counterparty risk**

We have analyzed the transaction's exposure to counterparty risk in accordance with our current counterparty criteria.

The transaction is exposed to the credit risk of Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd. acting as the transaction bank account provider. We consider that the transaction documents adequately mitigate this risk at the 'zaAAA' rating level in line with our counterparty criteria.

The transaction is also exposed to the servicer in relation to commingling risk. The servicer is an unrated entity. We model commingling risk as a liquidity stress, given the strong structural features aimed at limiting commingling risk exposure.

## **Legal risk**

We consider the issuer to be bankruptcy remote, in line with our legal criteria. At closing, we have received legal information that provides assurance that the sale of the assets would survive the seller's insolvency.

## **Rating stability**

Under our scenario analysis, we ran two stress scenarios and assessed the transaction's performance. The results of our scenario analysis are commensurate with our credit stability criteria. In addition, our ratings on the class A notes address frequent changes in the capital structure, thereby maintaining rating stability.

## **Sovereign risk**

Under our structured finance sovereign risk criteria, we treat the type of collateral being securitized (South African unsecured consumer loans) as having moderate sensitivity to South African sovereign risk.

In addition, to account for the severe economic stress we expect to accompany a sovereign default, when rating above sovereign, in line with our sovereign risk criteria, we also assessed whether the notes can withstand a sovereign default stress.

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We used our standard 'A' run (on a global scale rating) to replicate the impact of the sovereign default scenario. The transaction passes our sovereign default stress. Therefore, the ratings on the notes are no longer constrained to the sovereign rating level.

Our ultimate rating assigned in the transaction is derived from the application of our criteria. It is the lower of (i) the rating as capped by our sovereign risk criteria, (ii) the rating as capped by our counterparty criteria, or (iii) the rating that the class of notes can attain under our global consumer ABS criteria.

When we apply our stresses under our global consumer ABS criteria, the class A notes can withstand up to a 'zaAAA (sf)' rating scenario. In this transaction, our ratings on the class A notes are no longer constrained by the application of our sovereign risk criteria. As such, we have assigned our long-term 'zaAAA (sf)' rating to the new class A notes, and we have raised our ratings on the existing class A notes to 'zaAAA (sf)' from 'zaAA+ (sf)'.

### Ratings List

Class (new notes)	Rating	Amount (mil. ZAR)	Interest	Legal final maturity
Class A (BAYA84)	zaAAA (sf)	142.50	Three-month JIBAR plus 4.50%	Dec. 31, 2022
Class A (BAYA85)	zaAAA (sf)	142.50	Three-month JIBAR plus 5.00%	Dec. 31, 2023
<b>Ratings raised (existing notes)</b>				
Class A (BAYA57)	zaAAA (sf)	50.00	Three-month JIBAR plus 5.50%	March 31, 2022
Class A (BAYA64)	zaAAA (sf)	40.00	Three-month JIBAR plus 4.50%	Sept. 30, 2022
Class A (BAYA66)	zaAAA (sf)	41.65	Three-month JIBAR plus 4.40%	March 31, 2021
Class A (BAYA67)	zaAAA (sf)	100.00	11.17%	March 31, 2023
Class A (BAYA70)	zaAAA (sf)	33.00	Three-month JIBAR plus 4.30%	June 30, 2021
Class A (BAYA71)	zaAAA (sf)	104.50	Three-month JIBAR plus 4.25%	June 30, 2021
Class A (BAYA72)	zaAAA (sf)	364.00	12.18%	March 31, 2026
Class A (BAYA73)	zaAAA (sf)	222.87	Three-month JIBAR plus 3.94%	March 31, 2022
Class A (BAYA74)	zaAAA (sf)	99.72	Three-month JIBAR plus 3.80%	June 30, 2024
Class A (BAYA75)	zaAAA (sf)	87.00	Three-month JIBAR plus 3.65%	June 30, 2022
Class A (BAYA76)	zaAAA (sf)	18.74	Three-month JIBAR plus 3.65%	June 30, 2022
Class A (BAYA77)	zaAAA (sf)	140.18	Three-month JIBAR plus 3.75%	Sept. 30, 2022
Class A (BAYA78)	zaAAA (sf)	42.69	Three-month JIBAR plus 4.75%	March 31, 2023
Class A (BAYA79)	zaAAA (sf)	127.03	Three-month JIBAR plus 4.75%	March 31, 2023
Class A (BAYA80)	zaAAA (sf)	92.63	Three-month JIBAR plus 5.00%	June 31, 2023
Class A (BAYA81)	zaAAA (sf)	91.50	Three-month JIBAR plus 5.00%	June 31, 2023
Class A (BAYA82)	zaAAA (sf)	70.00	Three-month JIBAR plus 4.75%	Sept. 30, 2023
Class A (BAYA83)	zaAAA (sf)	100.00	Three-month JIBAR plus 5.00%	Sept. 30, 2023
<b>Ratings withdrawn</b>				
Class A (BAYA68)	NR	0.0		
Class A (BAYA69)	NR	0.0		

Note: Our ratings address timely payment of interest and payment of principal no later than the legal final maturity date. The class A balance reflects the most recent interest payment date. JIBAR-- Johannesburg Interbank Average Rate. NR--Not rated.

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