AAFAF, GDB and the requisite bondholders authorize the GDB restructuring support agreement amendment

(San Juan, Puerto Rico) - Today, the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority (AAFAF, by its Spanish acronym) and the Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico (GDB) announced that the requisite number of holders of GDB’s Participating Bond Claims (as defined in the RSA) have signed the previously announced amendment to the GDB Restructuring Support Agreement (RSA), which became effective pursuant to its terms on Friday, April 6, 2018. AAFAF and GDB believe that this strong indication of support from GDB’s creditors continues to represent significant progress towards the consensual restructuring of GDB under Title VI of PROMESA.

As previously announced on March 27, 2018, the amendment will simplify the GDB restructuring transaction while simultaneously providing additional relief to municipalities as they recover from the severe damage and devastation caused to Puerto Rico and its municipalities in the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. The amendment to the RSA provides that, upon consummation of the transaction, each municipality will be authorized to apply the full amount of deposits held at GDB against the balance of any loan owed by such municipality to GDB. Additionally, to provide municipalities with immediate liquidity, the amendment to the RSA gives each municipality the opportunity to receive immediate payment, before consummation of the transaction, of 55% of such municipality’s undisbursed certified Excess CAE held at GDB in exchange for releases.

The amendment also results in a simplified structure whereby GDB’s financial creditors will exchange their claims for only one tranche of new bonds at an upfront exchange ratio of 55%. The RSA amendment is available on the Electronic Municipal Market Access website.
Forward-Looking Statements

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