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AM Best Affirms Credit Ratings of National Reinsurance Corporation of the Philippines

AM Best has affirmed the Financial Strength Rating of B++ (Good) and the Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating of “bbb” (Good) of National Reinsurance Corporation of the Philippines (Nat Re) (Philippines). The outlook of these Credit Ratings (ratings) is stable.

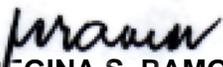
The ratings reflect Nat Re’s balance sheet strength, which AM Best assesses as strong, as well as its adequate operating performance, neutral business profile and appropriate enterprise risk management (ERM).

Attached is a copy of the Press Release.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized, in the City of Makati on 11 June 2021.

**National Reinsurance Corporation of the Philippines,
doing business under the names and styles of Nat Re;
Philippine National Reinsurance Company; PhilNaRe**
Issuer


REGINA S. RAMOS
Vice President, Head of Risk & Compliance



AM Best Affirms Credit Ratings of National Reinsurance Corporation of the Philippines

June 10, 2021 11:20 AM Eastern Daylight Time

SINGAPORE--(BUSINESS WIRE)--**AM Best** has affirmed the Financial Strength Rating of B++ (Good) and the Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating of “bbb” (Good) of National Reinsurance Corporation of the Philippines (Nat Re) (Philippines). The outlook of these Credit Ratings (ratings) is stable.

The ratings reflect Nat Re’s balance sheet strength, which AM Best assesses as strong, as well as its adequate operating performance, neutral business profile and appropriate enterprise risk management (ERM).

Nat Re’s balance sheet strength is underpinned by its risk-adjusted capitalisation, as measured by Best’s Capital Adequacy Ratio (BCAR), which remained at the strongest level in 2020. The company is viewed to have a moderate risk investment portfolio. Despite some exposure to corporate bonds and equity investments, the majority of the portfolio is composed of fixed income securities issued by the Philippines government. The company’s allocation to equity investments has reduced gradually over recent years, with the expectation of continued portfolio de-risking over the medium term. Nat Re maintains a moderate dependence on retrocession, and exposure to counterparties that are non-rated on an international financial strength rating scale. The company’s balance sheet also remains sensitive to natural catastrophe exposure in the Philippines, albeit this risk is mitigated in part through the use of retrocession.

Nat Re’s operating performance is assessed as adequate, with a five-year average return-on-equity ratio of 2.1% (2016-2020). Underwriting performance improved to a profitable position in 2020, driven mainly by reduced losses from the company’s non-life portfolio and robust profitability from its life reinsurance business. Prospective underwriting performance is expected to be supported by ongoing portfolio remediation measures, including reduced participation and/or exit from loss-making non-life treaties, as well as business growth in the more profitable domestic life reinsurance segment. Investment income arising mainly from interest and dividend income continues to contribute positively to operating earnings, despite being negatively impacted by impairment losses in 2020 given the volatility in capital markets caused by COVID-19.

AM Best views Nat Re’s business profile as neutral given its strong relationships with local cedants and access to business through mandatory local cessions. As the only domestic reinsurer in the Philippines, Nat Re is well-positioned for business opportunities emanating from local government objectives, with Nat Re engaged in the design/launch of underwriting facilities for the Philippines market. The company maintains a portfolio that is diversified by geography through reciprocal business arrangements with regional and global reinsurers, and whilst still remaining weighted toward catastrophe-exposed property business, recent growth in the domestic life reinsurance segment is viewed to have supported an improvement in portfolio diversification.

AM Best considers Nat Re’s ERM framework as appropriate given the size and complexity of its operations. The company’s risk management framework and corporate governance capabilities are viewed to have strengthened over recent years.

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