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R&I Revises Its Rating Methodology for Structured Finance Products Following a Regular Review

Rating and Investment Information, Inc. (R&I) conducted a regular review of its rating methodology for structured finance products and has revised the Summary of Rating Methodology.

Since this revision is not attributed to major changes in R&I's rating approach, it does not fall under the material change stipulated in Paragraph 3, Article 314 of the Cabinet Office Ordinance on Financial Instruments Business, etc. The revision also has no impact on the credit ratings already determined.

The revised Summary of Rating Methodologies for Structured Finance Products is available at the following website:

<http://www.r-i.co.jp/eng/sf/about/methodology/index.html>

<http://www.r-i.co.jp/jpn/sf/about/methodology/index.html>

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