

Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A. (BBVA), in compliance with the Securities Market legislation, hereby communicates the following:

RELEVANT EVENT

Standard and Poor's Ratings Services (S&P) has taken the following rating action after raising the unsolicited long-term sovereign credit rating on Spain:

 Upgraded BBVA's Mortgage Covered Bonds rating from A+ to AA-. The outlook remains positive.

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