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Morningstar Credit Ratings, LLC Assigns 'MOR CS1' Commercial Mortgage Master Servicer Ranking for Fannie Mae

NEW YORK, July 7, 2015—Morningstar Credit Ratings, LLC today assigned its 'MOR CS1' commercial mortgage master servicer ranking for Fannie Mae. Morningstar's forecast for the ranking is Stable.

Morningstar assigned its master servicer ranking based on Fannie Mae's strong management and professional depth, robust technology platform, proactive asset administration through its watchlist process, and its extensive and thorough oversight of subservicer data accuracy and quality. The ranking also considers the company's well-managed, far-reaching training program and strong internal controls.

Strong procedures and superior technology allow Fannie Mae to realize aggressive timelines in both subservicer reporting and remitting along with the company's own investor reporting and remitting, with no errors or unreconciled items in the past two years.

As of Dec. 31, 2014, Fannie Mae's multifamily master servicing portfolio consisted of 32,795 loans with an unpaid principal balance (UPB) of \$201.5 billion, representing a decrease in loan count but an increase in UPB compared with 35,604 loans with a UPB of \$199.1 billion as of Dec. 31, 2013.

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