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# **Norwegian Airport Network Avinor's EUR1.5 Billion Euro Medium-Term Note Program Rated 'AA-'**

- We are assigning our 'AA-' issue rating to Avinor AS' €1.5 billion senior unsecured Euro Medium-Term Note program.
- The issue rating is equalized with our 'AA-' long-term corporate credit rating on Avinor, reflecting our view of the notes' limited structural subordination to Avinor's existing obligations.

FRANKFURT (Standard & Poor's) March 6, 2014--Standard & Poor's Ratings

Services said today that it had assigned its 'AA-' issue rating to the €1.5

billion senior unsecured Euro Medium-Term Note (EMTN) program to be issued by

the Norway-based airport network operator and air navigation services provider

Avinor AS (AA-/Stable/A-1+).

We equalize the issue rating with our long-term corporate credit rating on

Avinor, reflecting our view of the notes' limited structural subordination to

Avinor's existing obligations. To evaluate the proposed notes' structural

subordination, we apply our general corporate criteria. We estimate that the

company's ratio of priority debt to total assets will be about 15%-20% in

2014--below the threshold of 20% for investment-grade rated issuers. Over this

threshold, we would rate the debt one notch lower than the corporate credit

rating, absent mitigating factors.

We expect the proceeds from the proposed notes under the EMTN program to be

used mainly for capital investments to expand and enhance Avinor's airport

infrastructure. The program's documentation includes a negative pledge

covenant and a provision whereby noteholders may demand repayment of the

facility upon a change of control.

## RELATED CRITERIA AND RESEARCH

- [Corporate Methodology](#), Nov. 19, 2013
- [2008 Corporate Criteria: Rating Each Issue](#), April 15, 2008

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