

ARC Withdraws South Africa's Ratings

London, February 15, 2019 – ARC Ratings, S.A. ('ARC') has withdrawn its sovereign ratings of the Republic of South Africa ('South Africa'). At the time of the ratings withdrawal, South Africa's sovereign ratings were BB+ (stable outlook) for medium and long-term foreign currency obligations; BBB- (stable outlook) for medium and long-term local currency obligations; and B for short-term local and foreign currency obligations. South Africa's foreign currency country ceiling was A- and its local currency country ceiling was A. All sovereign ratings were unsolicited. The rating agency has withdrawn South Africa's sovereign ratings for strategic reasons.

ARC's ratings of South Africa were based on its methodologies for assigning sovereign ratings and country ceilings. Both methodologies are available on the agency's website (www.arcratings.com).

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