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November 18, 2011

Mr. Gerald Dang  
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Dear Mr. Dang:

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It is important that you promptly provide us with all information that may be material to the ratings so that our ratings continue to be appropriate. Ratings may be raised, lowered, withdrawn, or placed on Rating Watch due to changes in, additions to, accuracy of or the inadequacy of information or for any other reason Fitch deems sufficient.

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We are pleased to have had the opportunity to be of service to you. If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Jeff Schaub  
Managing Director, Operations  
U.S. Public Finance /  
Global Infrastructure & Project Finance

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## Notice of Rating Action

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| <u>Bond Description</u>                       | <u>Rating Type</u> | <u>Action</u> | <u>Rating</u> | <u>Outlook/<br/>Watch</u> | <u>Eff Date</u> | <u>Notes</u> |
|---|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Hawaii, State of (HI) hwy rev bonds ser 2011A | Long Term          | New Rating    | AA            | RO:Sta                    | 16-Nov-2011     |              |
| Hawaii, State of (HI) hwy rev bonds ser 2011B | Long Term          | New Rating    | AA            | RO:Sta                    | 16-Nov-2011     |              |

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Key: RO: Rating Outlook, RW: Rating Watch; Pos: Positive, Neg: Negative, Sta: Stable, Evo: Evolving

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November 17, 2011

Mr. Scott Kami  
Administrator, Financial Administration Division  
Hawaii (State of)  
No. 1 Capital District  
250 South Hotel Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Kami :

We wish to inform you that on November 16, 2011, Moody's Investors Service reviewed and assigned a rating of

- Aa2 to HAWAII (STATE OF), Highway Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 A; and
- Aa2 to HAWAII (STATE OF), Highway Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 B

In order for us to maintain the currency of our ratings, we request that you provide ongoing disclosure of current financial and statistical information.

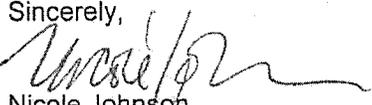
Moody's will monitor this rating and reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to revise or withdraw this rating at any time in the future.

The rating, as well as any revisions or withdrawals thereof, will be publicly disseminated by Moody's through normal print and electronic media and in response to verbal requests to Moody's Rating Desk.

In accordance with our usual policy, assigned ratings are subject to revision or withdrawal by Moody's at any time, without notice, in the sole discretion of Moody's. For the most current rating, please visit [www.moody.com](http://www.moody.com).

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me or the analyst assigned to this transaction, Nicole Johnson at 212-553-4573.

Sincerely,

  
Nicole Johnson  
Senior Vice President



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November 17, 2011

State of Hawaii  
677 Queen Street, Suite 300  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Attention: Mr. Kalbert Young, Director of Finance

Re: ***US\$112,270,000 State of Hawaii, Hawaii, Highway Revenue Bonds, Series 2011A, dated:  
Date of delivery, due: January 01, 2032***

***US\$5,095,000 State of Hawaii, Hawaii, Highway Revenue Bonds, Series 2011B, dated: Date  
of delivery, due: January 01, 2032***

Dear Mr. Young:

Pursuant to your request for a Standard & Poor's rating on the above-referenced issuer, we have reviewed the information submitted to us and, subject to the enclosed *Terms and Conditions*, have assigned a rating of "AA+". Standard & Poor's views the outlook for this rating as stable. A copy of the rationale supporting the rating is enclosed.

The rating is not investment, financial, or other advice and you should not and cannot rely upon the rating as such. The rating is based on information supplied to us by you or by your agents but does not represent an audit. We undertake no duty of due diligence or independent verification of any information. The assignment of a rating does not create a fiduciary relationship between us and you or between us and other recipients of the rating. We have not consented to and will not consent to being named an "expert" under the applicable securities laws, including without limitation, Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933. The rating is not a "market rating" nor is it a recommendation to buy, hold, or sell the obligations.

This letter constitutes Standard & Poor's permission to you to disseminate the above-assigned rating to interested parties. Standard & Poor's reserves the right to inform its own clients, subscribers, and the public of the rating.

Standard & Poor's relies on the issuer/obligor and its counsel, accountants, and other experts for the accuracy and completeness of the information submitted in connection with the rating. This rating is based on financial information and documents we received prior to the issuance of this letter. Standard & Poor's assumes that the documents you have provided to us are final. If any subsequent changes were made in the final documents, you must notify us of such changes by sending us the revised final documents with the changes clearly marked.

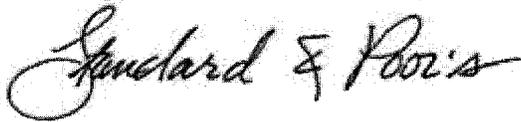
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Please send all information to:

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Sincerely yours,



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cc: Ms. Yoon-Sook Moon, Vice President  
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November 17, 2011

State of Hawaii  
677 Queen Street, Suite 300  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Attention: Mr. Kalbert Young, Director of Finance

Re: *State of Hawaii, Hawaii, Highway Revenue Bonds*

Dear Mr. Young:

Standard & Poor's has reviewed the Standard & Poor's underlying rating (SPUR) on the above-referenced obligations. After such review, we have affirmed the "AA+" rating and stable outlook. A copy of the rationale supporting the rating and outlook is enclosed.

The rating is not investment, financial, or other advice and you should not and cannot rely upon the rating as such. The rating is based on information supplied to us by you or by your agents but does not represent an audit. We undertake no duty of due diligence or independent verification of any information. The assignment of a rating does not create a fiduciary relationship between us and you or between us and other recipients of the rating. We have not consented to and will not consent to being named an "expert" under the applicable securities laws, including without limitation, Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933. The rating is not a "market rating" nor is it a recommendation to buy, hold, or sell the obligations.

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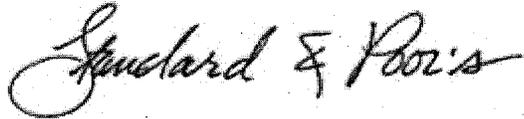
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If you have any questions, or if we can be of help in any other way, please feel free to call or contact us at [nypublicfinance@standardandpoors.com](mailto:nypublicfinance@standardandpoors.com). For more information on Standard & Poor's, please visit our website at [www.standardandpoors.com](http://www.standardandpoors.com). We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and we look forward to working with you again.

Sincerely yours,



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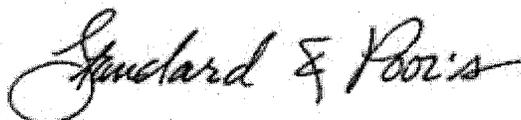
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Office of Foreign Assets Control. As of the date of this Agreement, (a) neither you nor the issuer (if you are not the issuer) or any of your or the issuer's subsidiaries, or any director or corporate officer of any of the foregoing entities, is the subject of any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("OFAC Sanctions"), (b) neither you nor the issuer (if you are not the issuer) is 50% or more owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any person or entity ("parent") that is the subject of OFAC Sanctions, and (c) to the best of your knowledge, no entity 50% or more owned or controlled by a direct or indirect parent of you or the issuer (if you are not the issuer) is the subject of OFAC sanctions. For so long as this Agreement is in effect, you will promptly notify Ratings Services if any of these circumstances change.

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Entire Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent you, the issuer (if you are not the issuer) or Ratings Services from acting in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Subject to the prior sentence, this Agreement, including any amendment made in accordance with the provisions hereof, constitutes the complete and entire agreement between the parties on all matters regarding the rating provided hereunder. The terms of this Agreement supersede any other terms and conditions relating to information provided to Ratings Services by you or your agents and advisors hereunder, including without limitation, terms and conditions found on, or applicable to, websites or other means through which you or your agents and advisors make such information available to Ratings Services, regardless if such terms and conditions are entered into before or after the date of this Agreement. Such terms and conditions shall be null and void as to Ratings Services.

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Termination of Agreement. This Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time upon written notice to the other party. Except where expressly limited to the term of this Agreement, these Terms and Conditions shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Agreement, or the rating when issued, is intended or should be construed as creating any rights on behalf of any third parties, including, without limitation, any recipient of the rating. No person is intended as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement or of the rating when issued.

Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding on, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their successors and assigns.

Severability. In the event that any term or provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, then the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected, impaired, or invalidated, and each such term and provision shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Amendments. This Agreement may not be amended or superseded except by a writing that specifically refers to this Agreement and is executed manually or electronically by authorized representatives of both parties.

Reservation of Rights. The parties to this Agreement do not waive, and reserve the right to contest, any issues regarding sovereign immunity, the applicable governing law and the appropriate forum for resolving any disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement.