

*ACS, Actividades de Construcción y Servicios, S.A.*

**Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores  
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Madrid, 8 May 2017

Dear Sirs,

For the purpose established in section 82 of Law 24/1988, of 23 October 2015, regulating the Spanish Stock Market, and supplementary provisions, I hereby disclose to you the following **Significant Event**:

Standard and Poor's credit rating agency has assigned ACS, Construction Activities and Services S.A. BBB long-term corporate credit rating and short-term A-2

Sincerely

José Luis del Valle Pérez  
Board Member, Secretary General



## S&P rates ACS with a BBB credit score

***Madrid, 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2017***

Standard and Poor's has assigned a BBB rating in the long term, and a A-2 in the short term to ACS, *Actividades de Construcción y Servicios S.A.*

The arguments declared by the agency in order to assign this rate are that ACS, *Actividades de Construcción y Servicios S.A.* is one of the world's largest engineering and construction companies. It operates in civil and building construction, concessions, industrial, facility management, and other services, and has a wide international presence in North America, Asia-Pacific, and Europe. In their view, the group's large size, geographic and business diversity, and its ability to implement large and technically complex projects help to offset the typical high volatility and low entry barriers in the construction business. Furthermore, the agency considers that ACS' exposure to country risk is rather limited, because it operates mainly in low-risk developed markets where the legal, political, and operating frameworks are more stable and predictable than in emerging markets.

A few years ago, as this agency points out, ACS started a transformation process to reduce the group's corporate complexity, strengthen and standardize risk management across companies, increase group integration, and improve cash flow generation.

Besides, ACS' leverage metrics have improved significantly over the past few years, reflecting the company's focus on debt reduction through noncore asset disposals and group streamlining.

Moreover, the agency considers that the stable outlook reflects the belief that over the next two years the group will further consolidate its improved performance in 2015-2016, focusing on cash flow generation and disciplined working capital management.