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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 25, 2019

MOODY'S CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-14037
(Commission
File Number)

13-3998945
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

7 World Trade Center at 250 Greenwich Street
New York, New York 10007
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 553-0300

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	MCO	New York Stock Exchange
1.75% Senior Notes Due 2027	MCO 27	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 8.01, “Other Events”

As previously announced, on November 14, 2019, Moody’s Corporation (the “Company”) entered into an underwriting agreement by and among the Company and Citigroup Global Markets Limited, J.P. Morgan Securities plc and Merrill Lynch International, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein (the “Underwriting Agreement”), with respect to the issuance and sale of €750 million aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 0.950% Senior Notes due 2030 (the “notes”). The notes were registered under the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-216211) (the “Registration Statement”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) on February 24, 2017. On November 25, 2019, the Company closed its public offering of the notes. In connection with the closing of the notes offering, the Company entered into (i) a tenth supplemental indenture between the Company, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the “Trustee”), Elavon Financial Services Limited, UK Branch as paying agent, and U.S. Bank National Association as registrar and transfer agent, dated as of November 25, 2019 (the “Tenth Supplemental Indenture”), to the indenture between the Company and the Trustee, dated as of August 19, 2010 (the “Base Indenture” and, together with the Tenth Supplemental Indenture, the “Indenture”) and (ii) an agency agreement between the Company, the Trustee, Elavon Financial Services Limited, UK Branch as paying agent and U.S. Bank National Association as registrar and transfer agent, dated as of November 25, 2019. The Tenth Supplemental Indenture includes a form of the notes. The net proceeds of the offering are expected to be used for general corporate purposes, which is expected to include repayment or redemption of the \$500 million outstanding principal amount of the Company’s 5.50% senior unsecured notes due in September 2020.

The notes bear interest at the fixed rate of 0.950% per year and mature on February 25, 2030. Interest on the notes will be due annually on February 25 of each year, commencing February 25, 2020. The Company may redeem, in whole or in part, the notes at any time prior to November 25, 2029 at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount being prepaid, plus accrued and unpaid interest and a make-whole premium. Notwithstanding the immediately preceding sentence, the Company may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at any time on or after November 25, 2029 (3 months prior to their maturity), at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date. Additionally, at the option of the holders of the notes, the Company may be required to purchase all or a portion of the notes upon the occurrence of a “Change of Control Triggering Event,” as defined in the Indenture, at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of purchase.

The Indenture contains covenants that limit the ability of the Company and certain of its subsidiaries to, among other things, incur or create liens and enter into sale and leaseback transactions. In addition, the Indenture contains a covenant that limits the ability of the Company to consolidate or merge with another entity or to sell all or substantially all of its assets to another entity.

The Indenture contains customary default provisions. In addition, an event of default will occur if the Company or certain of its subsidiaries fail to pay the principal of any Indebtedness (as defined in the Indenture) when due at maturity in an aggregate amount of \$50 million or more, or a default occurs that results in the acceleration of the maturity of the Company’s or certain of its subsidiaries’ Indebtedness in an aggregate amount of \$50 million or more. Upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an event of default under the Indenture, the notes may become immediately due and payable either automatically or by the vote of the holders of more than 25% of the aggregate principal amount of all of the notes then outstanding.

The description of the Base Indenture, Tenth Supplemental Indenture and the form of the notes are summaries and are qualified in their entirety by the terms of the indentures and the form of notes included therein. The Base Indenture is attached as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 19, 2010, filed with the Commission, and the Tenth Supplemental Indenture and form of notes are attached hereto as Exhibits 4.1 and 4.2, respectively.

Item 9.01, “Financial Statements and Exhibits”

(d) Exhibits

- 4.1 [Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated November 25, 2019, between the Company, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, Elavon Financial Services Limited, UK Branch as paying agent and U.S. Bank National Association as registrar and transfer agent.](#)
- 4.2 [Form of 0.950% Senior Note due 2030 \(included in Exhibit 4.1\).](#)
- 4.3 [Agency Agreement, dated November 25, 2019, between the Company, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, Elavon Financial Services Limited, UK Branch as paying agent and U.S. Bank National Association as registrar and transfer agent.](#)
- 5.1 [Opinion of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, New York, New York.](#)
- 23.1 [Consent of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, New York, New York \(included in Exhibit 5.1\).](#)
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MOODY'S CORPORATION

By: /s/ Elizabeth M. McCarroll
Elizabeth M. McCarroll
Corporate Secretary and Associate General Counsel

Date: November 25, 2019

MOODY'S CORPORATION

as Issuer

and

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Trustee

and

ELAVON FINANCIAL SERVICES DAC, UK BRANCH,

as Paying Agent

and

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Registrar and Transfer Agent

TENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

Dated as of November 25, 2019

to

INDENTURE

Dated as of August 19, 2010

0.950% Senior Notes due 2030

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TENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of November 25, 2019 (this “Supplemental Indenture”), among Moody’s Corporation, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal office at 7 World Trade Center at 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007 (the “Company”), Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association, organized and in good standing under the laws of the United States, as trustee (the “Trustee”), and Elavon Financial Services DAC, UK Branch (until such time as a successor may be appointed by the Company), as paying agent (the “Paying Agent”), and U.S. Bank National Association, as registrar (the “Registrar”) and as transfer agent (the “Transfer Agent”).

WHEREAS, the Company executed and delivered the indenture, dated as of August 19, 2010, to the Trustee (the “Base Indenture,” and, as hereby supplemented, the “Indenture”), to provide for the issuance of the Company’s debt Securities to be issued in one or more series;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Base Indenture, the Company desires to provide for the establishment of a new series of its notes under the Base Indenture to be known as its “0.950% Senior Notes due 2030” (the “Notes”), the form and substance and the terms, provisions and conditions thereof to be set forth as provided in the Base Indenture and this Supplemental Indenture;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, pursuant to resolutions duly adopted on October 22, 2019, has duly authorized the issuance of the Notes, and has authorized the proper officers of the Company to execute any and all appropriate documents necessary or appropriate to effect each such issuance;

WHEREAS, this Supplemental Indenture is being entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.01 and Section 14.01 of the Base Indenture;

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that the Trustee, Paying Agent and the Transfer Agent execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to make this Supplemental Indenture a valid agreement of the Company, in accordance with its terms, and to make the Notes, when executed by the Company and authenticated and delivered by the Trustee, the valid obligations of the Company, have been performed, and the execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture has been duly authorized in all respects;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the purchase and acceptance of the Notes by the Holders thereof, and for the purpose of setting forth, as provided in the Base Indenture, the forms and terms of the Notes, the Company covenants and agrees, with the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Registrar and the Transfer Agent as follows:

ARTICLE 1.

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 Definition of Terms. Unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) each term defined in the Base Indenture has the same meaning when used in this Supplemental Indenture, unless otherwise defined in this Supplemental Indenture;

(b) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;

(c) headings are for convenience of reference only and do not affect interpretation;

(d) a reference to a Section or Article is to a Section or Article of this Supplemental Indenture unless otherwise indicated; and

(e) the following terms have the meanings given to them in this Section 1.1(e):

(i) “Attributable Debt” means, an amount equal to the lesser of (a) the fair market value of the property (as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company) or (b) the present value of the total net amount of payments to be made under the lease during its remaining term, discounted at the interest rate set forth or implicit in the terms of the lease, compounded semi-annually.

(ii) “Base Indenture” shall have the meaning assigned to it in the recitals.

(iii) “Business Day” means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday (i) that is not a day on which banking institutions in The City of New York or London are authorized or required by law or executive order to close and (ii) on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer system, or the TARGET2, or any successor thereto, operates.

(iv) “Change of Control” means the occurrence of any one of the following: (1) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole to any “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than to the Company or one of its Subsidiaries; (2) the consummation of any transaction (including without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) becomes the “beneficial owner” (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; (3) the Company consolidates with, or merges with or into, any Person, or any Person consolidates with, or merges with or into, the Company, in any such event pursuant to a

transaction in which any of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company or such other Person is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where the shares of the Voting Stock of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such transaction constitute, or are converted into or exchanged for, a majority of the Voting Stock of the surviving Person immediately after giving effect to such transaction; (4) the first day on which the majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Company cease to be Continuing Directors; or (5) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

(v) "Change of Control Offer" shall have the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.13.

(vi) "Change of Control Payment Date" shall have the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.13.

(vii) "Change of Control Triggering Event" means, the notes cease to be rated Investment Grade by S&P or Fitch or, if S&P or Fitch and another "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined in Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act) shall provide a rating of the notes, by S&P or Fitch and any such other rating organization, on any date during the period (the "Trigger Period") commencing 60 days prior to the first public announcement by the Company of any Change of Control (or pending Change of Control) and ending 60 days following consummation of such Change of Control (which Trigger Period will be extended following consummation of a Change of Control for so long as S&P, Fitch or such other rating organization shall have publicly announced that it is considering a possible ratings change). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Change of Control Triggering Event will be deemed to have occurred in connection with any particular Change of Control unless and until such Change of Control has actually been consummated.

(viii) "Clearstream" means Clearstream Banking, a *société anonyme*, as currently in effect or any successor securities clearing agency.

(ix) "Comparable Government Bond Rate" means, with respect to any Redemption Date, the price, expressed as a percentage (rounded to three decimal places, with 0.0005 being rounded upwards), at which the gross redemption yield on the Notes to be redeemed, if they were to be purchased at such price on the third Business Day prior to the date fixed for redemption, would be equal to the gross redemption yield on such Business Day of the Comparable Government Bond on the basis of the middle market price of the Comparable Government Bond prevailing at 11:00 a.m. London time, on such Business Day as determined by an independent investment bank selected by the Company.

(x) "Comparable Government Bond" means, in relation to any Comparable Government Bond Rate calculation, at the discretion of an independent investment bank selected by the Company, a German government bond whose maturity is closest to the maturity of the Notes to be redeemed, or if such independent investment bank in its discretion determines that such similar bond is not in issue, such other German

government bond as such independent investment bank may, with the advice of three brokers of, and/or market makers in, German government bonds selected by the Company, determine to be appropriate for determining the Comparable Government Bond Rate.

(xi) “Consolidated Total Assets” means the total assets of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, as set forth on the Company’s most recent consolidated balance sheet, as determined under GAAP.

(xii) “Continuing Director” means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Board of Directors of the Company who: (1) was a member of such Board of Directors on the date of the Indenture; or (2) was nominated for election or elected to such Board of Directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such Board of Directors at the time of such nomination or election.

(xiii) “Depository” means Elavon Financial Services DAC as common depository for Clearstream and Euroclear, or any of its successors and assigns.

(xiv) “Euro” or “€” means the currency of the member states of the European Monetary Union that have adopted or that adopt the single currency in accordance with the treaty establishing the European Community, as amended by the Treaty on European Union.

(xv) “Euroclear” means Euroclear S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear system or any successor clearing agency.

(xvi) “European Union” means the member states of the European Union established by the Treaty of European Union, signed at Maastricht on February 7, 1992, which amended the Treaty of Rome establishing the European Community.

(xvii) “Event of Default” shall have the meaning assigned to it in [Section 2.11](#).

(xviii) “Fitch” means Fitch Ratings, a part of the Fitch Group, and its successors.

(xix) “Indenture” shall have the meaning assigned to it in the recitals.

(xx) “Investment Grade” means a rating of BBB- or better by S&P or Fitch (or its equivalent under any successor rating category of S&P or Fitch); and an equivalent rating of another “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” that shall provide a rating of the notes.

(xxi) “Lien” shall have the meaning assigned to it in [Section 2.8](#).

(xxii) “Net Revenue” means, with respect to any Person for any period, the net revenue of such Person and its consolidated subsidiaries, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP for such period.

(xxiii) “Notes” shall have the meaning assigned to it in the recitals.

(xxiv) “Paying Agent” shall have the meaning assigned to it in the recitals.

(xxv) “Permitted Liens” shall have the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.8.

(xxvi) “Registrar” shall have the meaning assigned to it in the recitals.

(xxvii) “Remaining Scheduled Payments” means, with respect to each Note to be redeemed, the remaining scheduled payments of the principal thereof and interest thereon that would be due after the related Redemption Date but for such redemption; provided, however, that, if such Redemption Date is not an Interest Payment Date with respect to such note, the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment thereon will be deemed to be reduced by the amount of interest accrued thereon to such Redemption Date.

(xxviii) “Restricted Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary (a) the Total Assets of which exceed 10% of Consolidated Total Assets as of the end of the most recently completed fiscal year or (b) the Net Revenue of which exceeds 10% of the Net Revenue of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the end of the most recently completed fiscal year.

(xxix) “Sale/Leaseback Transaction” shall have the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.9.

(xxx) “Subsidiary” means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, association, partnership or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of capital stock or other interests (including partnership interests) entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by (a) such Person, (b) such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or (c) one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.

(xxxi) “S&P” means S&P Global Ratings and its successors.

(xxxii) “Total Assets” means, at any date as to any Person, the total assets of such Person and its consolidated subsidiaries at such date, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

(xxxiii) “Transfer Agent” shall have the meaning assigned to it in the recitals.

(xxxiv) “Trigger Period” shall have the meaning assigned to it in Section 1.1(e)(v).

(xxxv) “Trustee” shall have the meaning assigned to it in the recitals.

(xxxvi) “U.S. dollars” and “\$” means the currency of the United States.

(xxxvii) “Voting Stock” of any specified Person as of any date means the capital stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote generally in the election of the board of directors of such Person.

ARTICLE 2.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

Section 2.1 Designation and Principal Amount. There is hereby authorized and established a new series of Securities under the Base Indenture designated as the “0.950% Senior Notes due 2030,” which are not limited in aggregate principal amount. The initial aggregate principal amount of the Notes to be issued under this Supplemental Indenture shall be €750,000,000. Any additional amounts of Notes to be issued shall be set forth in a Company Order.

Section 2.2 Maturity. The stated maturity of principal for the Notes shall be February 25, 2030.

Section 2.3 Further Issues. The Company may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of Notes, issue additional Notes, provided that if the additional Notes are not fungible, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, with the Notes the additional Notes will have a separate ISIN and/or any other identifying number. Any such additional Notes shall have the same ranking, interest rate, maturity date and other terms as the Notes. Any such additional Notes, together with the Notes herein provided for, shall constitute a single series of Securities under the Indenture.

Section 2.4 Form of Payment.

(a) Principal of, premium, if any, and interest and additional amounts, if any, on the Notes shall be payable in euros.

(b) Principal of, premium, if any, interest and additional amounts, if any, on the Notes shall be payable at the office or agency of the Paying Agent at 125 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1AR until such time as the Company designates an alternate place of payment or, at the option of the Company, payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the Holders of the Notes at their respective addresses set forth in the register of Holders; *provided* that all payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest and additional amounts, if any, with respect to the Notes represented by one or more Global Notes deposited with, or on behalf of, a common Depositary, and registered in the name of the nominee of the common Depositary for the accounts of Clearstream and Euroclear will be made through the facilities of the common Depositary. The Company may change the Paying Agent without prior notice to the Holders and the Company or any of its subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent.

(c) If on or after the date of this Supplemental Indenture, the euro is unavailable to the Company due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond the Company's control or if the euro is no longer being used by the then-member states of the European Monetary Union that have adopted the euro as their currency or for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the international banking community, then all payments in respect of the Notes will be made in U.S. dollars until the euro is again available to the Company or so used. The amount payable on any date in euros will be converted by the Company into U.S. dollars on the basis of the most recently available market exchange rate for euro as determined by the Company. Any payment in respect of the Notes so made in U.S. dollars will not constitute an Event of Default under the Notes or this Supplemental Indenture. Neither the Trustee nor the Paying Agent shall have any responsibility for any calculation or conversion in connection with the foregoing.

Section 2.5 Global Securities and Denomination of Notes.

(a) Upon the original issuance, the Notes shall be represented by one or more Global Securities and the common Depositary for such Global Securities will be Elavon Financial Services DAC or another Person designated as common Depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream or another Person designated as common Depositary by the Issuer. Neither the Trustee nor any agent of the Trustee shall be responsible for any action taken or not taken by the common Depositary.

(b) The Company shall issue the Notes in minimum denominations of €100,000 and in integral multiples of €1,000 in excess thereof and shall deposit the Global Securities with the common Depositary as custodian for Euroclear and Clearstream and register the Global Securities in the name of the common Depositary or its nominee.

(c) The Company shall issue the Notes in definitive form in exchange for the applicable Global Notes if the common Depositary is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depositary for any of the Global Notes and a successor depositary is not appointed by the Company within 90 days or if an Event of Default has occurred with regard to the Notes represented by the Global Notes and has not been cured or waived. In addition, the Company may at any time and in its sole discretion determine not to have the Notes represented by the Global Notes and, in that event, shall issue the Notes in definitive form in exchange for the Global Notes. In any such instance, a Holder of a beneficial interest in the Global Notes will be entitled to physical delivery in definitive form of the Notes represented by the Global Notes equal in principal amount to such beneficial interest and to have such Notes registered in its name. The Notes so issued in definitive form shall be issued as registered in minimum denominations of €100,000 and integral multiples of €1,000 in excess thereof, unless otherwise specified by the Company. Definitive Notes may be transferred by presentation for registration to the Registrar and Transfer Agent at their offices and must be duly endorsed by the Holder or the Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing or accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company or the Registrar and Transfer Agent duly executed by the Holder or the Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing. The Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any exchange or registration of transfer of definitive Notes.

Section 2.6 Interest The Notes shall bear interest from November 25, 2019 at the rate of 0.950% per annum payable annually in arrears. Interest on the Notes will be computed on the basis of (i) the actual number of days in the period for which interest is being calculated and (ii) the actual number of days from and including the last date on which interest was paid on the Notes (or November 25, 2019, if no interest has been paid on the Notes), to but excluding the next scheduled Interest Payment Date. This payment convention is referred to as ACTUAL/ACTUAL (“ICMA”) as defined in the rulebook of the International Capital Markets Association.

(a) Interest payable on each Interest Payment Date shall include interest accrued from November 25, 2019, or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for; the Interest Payment Date on which such interest shall be payable is February 25, commencing on February 25, 2020; and the record date for the interest payable on the Interest Payment Date is the date that is 15 calendar days immediately before the Interest Payment Date. If any Interest Payment Date is not a Business Day, then the related payment for such Interest Payment Date shall be paid on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on such Interest Payment Date, and no further interest shall accrue as a result of such delay. The rights of holders of beneficial interests of Notes to receive the payments of interest on such Notes are subject to the applicable procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream.

Section 2.7 Redemption. The Notes are subject to redemption at the option of the Company as set forth in the form of Note attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2.8 Limitations on Liens.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, create, assume, incur or guarantee any Indebtedness secured by a mortgage, security interest, pledge, lien, charge or other encumbrance upon any of its or its Restricted Subsidiaries’ properties or assets (a “Lien”), whether owned on the date of issuance of the Notes or thereafter acquired, unless the Notes are at least equally and ratably secured with such secured Indebtedness (together with, if the Company so determines, any other Indebtedness of or guaranty by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary then existing or thereafter created that is not subordinated to the Notes) for so long as such other Indebtedness is so secured (and any Lien created for the benefit of the holders of the Notes and any other debt securities of any series issued pursuant to the Indenture and having the benefit of this Section 2.8 shall provide by its terms that such Lien will be automatically released and discharged upon the release and discharge of the Lien securing such other Indebtedness); *provided, however*, that the above restrictions shall not apply to the following (the “Permitted Liens”):

(i) Liens on property or other assets of any Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, provided that such Lien was not incurred in anticipation of such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary;

(ii) Liens on property or other assets existing at the time of acquisition by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, provided that such Lien was not incurred in anticipation of such acquisition;

(iii) Liens on property or assets to secure any Indebtedness incurred prior to, at the time of, or within 270 days after, the acquisition of such property or in the case of real property, the completion of construction, the completion of improvements or the beginning of substantial commercial operation of such real property for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price of such real property, the construction thereof or the making of improvements thereto;

(iv) Liens in the Company's favor or in favor of a Restricted Subsidiary;

(v) Liens existing on the date of issuance of the Notes;

(vi) Liens on property or other assets of a Person existing at the time the Person is merged into or consolidated with the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or at the time of a sale, lease or other disposition of the properties of a Person as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to either the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, provided that such Lien was not incurred in anticipation of the merger or consolidation or sale, lease or other disposition;

(vii) Liens arising in connection with the financing of accounts receivable by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary; provided that the uncollected amount of account receivables subject at any time to any such financing shall not exceed \$150,000,000; and

(viii) extensions, renewals or replacements (or successive extensions, renewals or replacements) in whole or in part of any Lien referred to in this Section 2.8 without increase of the principal of the Indebtedness (plus any premium or fee payable in connection with any such extension, renewal or replacement) secured by the Lien; *provided, however*, that any Permitted Liens shall not extend to or cover any property of the Company or that of any Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, other than the property specified in this Section 2.8 and improvements to this property.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company and any Restricted Subsidiary may create, assume, incur or guarantee Indebtedness secured by a Lien without equally and ratably securing the Notes; provided, that at the time of such creation, assumption, incurrence or guarantee, after giving effect thereto and to the retirement of any Indebtedness that is concurrently being retired, the sum of (i) the aggregate amount of all outstanding Indebtedness secured by Liens other than Permitted Liens, and (ii) the Attributable Debt of all the Company's Sale/Leaseback Transactions permitted by Section 2.9(c) does not at such time exceed 5% of Consolidated Total Assets.

Section 2.9 Limitations on Sale and Leaseback Transactions.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, enter into any arrangement relating to property now owned or hereafter acquired whereby either the Company transfers, or any Restricted Subsidiary transfers, such property to a Person and either the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary leases it back from such Person (a "Sale/Leaseback Transaction"), unless:

(i) the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary could, at the time of entering into such arrangement, incur Indebtedness secured by a Lien on the property involved in the transaction in an amount at least equal to the Attributable Debt with respect to such Sale/Leaseback Transaction, without equally and ratably securing the Notes as described in Section 2.8; or

(ii) the net proceeds of the Sale/Leaseback Transaction are at least equal to such property's fair market value, as determined by the Company's Board of Directors, and the proceeds are applied within 180 days of the effective date of the Sale/Leaseback Transaction to the repayment of senior indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary.

(b) The restrictions set forth in (a) above will not apply to a Sale/Leaseback Transaction: (i) entered into prior to the date of issuance of the Notes; (ii) that exists at the time any Person that owns property or assets becomes a Restricted Subsidiary; (iii) between the Company and a Restricted Subsidiary or between Restricted Subsidiaries; (iv) involving leases for a period of no longer than three years; or (v) in which the lease for the property or asset is entered into within 270 days after the date of acquisition, completion of construction or commencement of full operations of such property or asset, whichever is latest.

(c) Notwithstanding the restrictions contained above, the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries may enter into a Sale/Leaseback Transaction; provided that at the time of such transaction, after giving effect thereto, the aggregate amount of all Attributable Debt with respect to Sale/Leaseback Transactions existing at such time that could not have been entered into pursuant to the restrictions in (a) above, together with the aggregate amount of all outstanding Indebtedness secured by Liens as permitted by Section 2.8(b), does not at such time exceed 5% of Consolidated Total Assets.

Section 2.10 Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets. Section 6.04 of the Base Indenture shall be revised in its entirety to read:

(a) The Company will be permitted to consolidate or merge with another entity or to sell all or substantially all of its assets to another entity, subject to the Company's meeting all of the following conditions: (i) any successor or purchaser is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or trust organized under the laws of the United States of America, any State or the District of Columbia; (ii) immediately following the consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance, the resulting, surviving or transferee entity (if other than the Company) would not be in default in the performance of any covenant in the Indenture; and (iii) the Company delivers a supplemental indenture by which the surviving entity (if other than the Company) expressly assumes the Company's obligations under the Indenture.

(b) In the event that the Company consolidates or merges with another entity or sells all or substantially all of its assets to another entity, the surviving entity (if other than the Company) will be substituted for the Company under the Indenture, and the Company will be discharged from all of its obligations under the Indenture.

Section 2.11 Events of Default.

(a) The term “Event of Default” as used in this Indenture with respect to the Notes shall include the following described event in addition to those set forth in Section 7.01 of the Base Indenture:

(i) The Company or a Restricted Subsidiary fail to pay the principal of any Indebtedness when due at maturity in an aggregate amount of \$50 million or more, or a default occurs that results in the acceleration of the maturity of the Company’s or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries’ Indebtedness in an aggregate amount of \$50 million or more;

(b) If the euro is unavailable to the Company due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond the Company’s control or if the euro is no longer being used by the then-member states of the European Monetary Union that have adopted the euro as their currency or for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the international banking community, then all payments in respect of the Notes will be made in U.S. dollars until the euro is again available to the Company or so used. The amount payable on any date in euros will be converted by the Company into U.S. dollars on the basis of the most recently available market exchange rate for euros. Neither the Trustee nor the Paying Agent shall have any responsibility for effecting such currency conversions. Any payment in respect of the Notes so made in U.S. dollars shall not constitute an Event of Default.

Section 2.12 Appointment of Agents.

(a) The Company initially appoints Elavon Financial Services DAC, UK Branch as Paying Agent and U.S. Bank National Association as Registrar and Transfer Agent (together, the “Agents”), with respect to the Notes until such time as Elavon Financial Services DAC, UK Branch and U.S. Bank National Association, respectively, have resigned or a successor has been appointed.

(b) All or any of the designated agents may resign their respective appointments under the Notes and this Indenture at any time by giving to the Company and, where appropriate, the Paying Agent and the Trustee at least 90 days’ prior written notice to that effect provided that, so long as any of the Notes are outstanding, the notice shall not, in the case of the Paying Agent, expire less than 45 days before any due date for the payment of interest. Following receipt of a notice of resignation from a designated agent, the Company shall promptly, and in any event not less than 30 days before the resignation takes effect, give notice to the Holders of the Notes in accordance with the Indenture. If any designated agent shall resign or be removed, the Company shall promptly and in any event within 30 days appoint a successor approved by the Trustee. If the Company fails to appoint a successor within such period, the Paying Agent may select a leading bank approved by the Company and the Trustee to act as Paying Agent hereunder and the Company shall appoint that bank as the successor Paying Agent.

(c) Any corporation into which the Agents may be merged or converted, or any corporation with which the Agents may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Agents shall be a party, or any corporation, including affiliated corporations, to which the Agents shall sell or otherwise transfer: (i) all or substantially all of its assets or (ii) all or substantially all of its corporate trust business shall, on the date when the merger, conversion, consolidation or transfer becomes effective and to the extent permitted by any applicable laws and subject to any credit rating requirements set out in this Agreement become the successor Agents under this Agreement without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the parties to this Agreement, unless otherwise required by the Issuer, and after the said effective date all references in this Agreement to the Agents shall be deemed to be references to such successor corporation. Written notice of any such merger, conversion, consolidation or transfer shall immediately be given to the Issuer by the Agents.

Section 2.13 Change of Control.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event, unless the Company has exercised its right to redeem the Notes as provided in Article Four of the Base Indenture, each Holder of Notes will have the right to require the Company to purchase all or a portion of such Holder's Notes pursuant to the offer described in this Section 2.13 (the "Change of Control Offer"), at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase, subject to the rights of Holders of Notes on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date.

(b) Within 30 days following the date upon which the Change of Control Triggering Event occurred, or at the Company's option, prior to any Change of Control but after the public announcement of the pending Change of Control, the Company will be required to send, by first class mail, a notice to each Holder of Notes, with a copy to the trustee, which notice will govern the terms of the Change of Control Offer. Such notice will state, among other things, the purchase date, which must be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed, other than as may be required by law (the "Change of Control Payment Date"). The notice, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, will state that the Change of Control Offer is conditioned on the Change of Control being consummated on or prior to the Change of Control Payment Date. Holders of Notes electing to have Notes purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer will be required to surrender their Notes, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Note completed, to the Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice, or transfer their Notes to the Paying Agent by book-entry transfer pursuant to the applicable procedures of the Paying Agent, prior to the close of business on the third Business Day prior to the Change of Control Payment Date.

(c) The Company will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for such an offer made by the Company and such third party purchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

(d) Holders will not be entitled to require the Company to purchase their Notes in the event of a takeover, recapitalization, leveraged buyout or similar transaction that is not a Change of Control. In addition, Holders may not be entitled to require the Company to purchase their Notes in certain circumstances involving a significant change in the composition of the Company's Board of Directors, including in connection with a proxy contest where the Company's Board of Directors does not approve a dissident slate of directors but approves them as required by clause (4) of Section 1.1(e)(iv).

(e) Notwithstanding this Section 2.13, a transaction will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control under clause (2) of Section 1.1(e)(iv) if (i) the Company becomes a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of a holding company and (ii) (A) the direct or indirect holders of the Voting Stock of such holding company immediately following that transaction are substantially the same as the holders of the Company's Voting Stock immediately prior to that transaction or (B) immediately following that transaction no person (other than a holding company satisfying the requirements of this sentence) is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such holding company.

(f) The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control provisions of the Indenture, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Change of Control provisions of the Indenture by virtue of such compliance.

Section 2.14 Defeasance Upon Deposit of Moneys or U.S. Government Obligations. At the Company's option, either (a) the Company shall be deemed to have been Discharged from its obligations with respect to the Notes on the first day after the applicable conditions set forth in Section 12.03 of the Base Indenture have been satisfied or (b) the Company shall cease to be under any obligation to comply with any term, provision or condition set forth in Section 10.02 of the Base Indenture and Sections 2.8, 2.9 and 2.10 of this Supplemental Indenture with respect to the Notes at any time after the applicable conditions set forth in Section 12.03 of the Base Indenture have been satisfied.

Section 2.15 Payment of Additional Amounts.

(a) The Company shall, subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth below, pay to the Holder of any Note such additional amounts as may be necessary to ensure that every net payment on such Note, after deduction or withholding for or on account of any present or future tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed upon or as a result of such payment by the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority of the United States, will not be less than the amount provided in such note to be then due and payable. However, the Company shall not pay additional amounts for or on account of:

(i) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the existence of any present or former connection (other than the mere fact of being a Holder or beneficial owner of a Note) between the Holder or beneficial owner (or between a fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary or person holding a power over such Holder or beneficial owner, if the beneficial owner is an estate or trust, or a partner, member or shareholder of the beneficial owner, if the beneficial owner is a partnership, limited liability company or corporation) of a Note and the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority of the United States, including, without limitation, such Holder or beneficial owner (or such fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary, person holding a power, partner, member or shareholder) being or having been a citizen or resident of the United States or treated as being or having been a resident thereof;

(ii) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the Holder or beneficial owner (or a fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary or person holding a power over such beneficial owner, if the beneficial owner is an estate or trust, or a partner, member or shareholder of the beneficial owner, if the beneficial owner is a partnership, limited liability company or corporation) (i) being or having been present in, or engaged in a trade or business in, the United States, (ii) being treated as having been present in, or engaged in a trade or business in, the United States, or (iii) having or having had a permanent establishment in the United States;

(iii) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the Holder or beneficial owner (or a fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary or person holding a power over such beneficial owner, if the beneficial owner is an estate or trust, or a partner, member or shareholder of the beneficial owner, if the beneficial owner is a partnership, limited liability company or corporation) being or having been with respect to the United States a personal holding company, a controlled foreign corporation, a passive foreign investment company, a foreign private foundation or other foreign tax-exempt organization, or being a corporation that accumulates earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax;

(iv) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed on a beneficial owner that actually or constructively owns 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all of our classes of stock that are entitled to vote within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code");

(v) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge which would not have been so imposed but for the presentation (where such presentation is required) of such Note for payment on a date more than 30 days after the date on which such payment became due and payable or the date on which such payment is duly provided for, whichever occurs later;

(vi) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is payable or otherwise imposed by any method other than withholding or deduction by the Company or any paying agent from payments in respect of such Note;

(vii) any gift, estate, inheritance, sales, transfer, personal property or excise tax or any similar tax, assessment or other governmental charge;

(viii) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge required to be withheld by any paying agent from any payment in respect of any Note if such payment can be made without such withholding by at least one other paying agent;

(ix) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of a change in law, regulation, or administrative or judicial interpretation that becomes effective more than 15 days after the payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later;

(x) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed as a result of the failure of the Holder or beneficial owner of a Note to comply with a request to comply with applicable certification, information, documentation or other reporting requirements concerning the nationality, residence, identity or connection with the United States of the Holder or beneficial owner of a Note, if such compliance is required by statute or regulation of the United States as a precondition to relief or exemption from such tax, assessment or other governmental charge;

(xi) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed by reason of the failure of the beneficial owner to fulfill the statement requirements of Section 871(h) or Section 881(c) of the Code;

(xii) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed under Sections 1471-1474 of the Code and the U.S. Treasury regulations thereunder ("FATCA"), any agreement with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service in connection with FATCA, any intergovernmental agreement between the United States and any other jurisdiction with respect to FATCA, or any law, regulation or other official guidance enacted, or practices adopted, in any jurisdiction implementing, or in connection with, FATCA or any intergovernmental agreement, treaty or convention implementing FATCA; or

(xiii) any combination of items (i) through (xii) above.

(b) In addition, the Company will not pay additional amounts to a beneficial owner of a Note that is a fiduciary, partnership, limited liability company or other fiscally transparent entity, or to a beneficial owner of a Note that is not the sole beneficial owner of such Note, as the case may be. This exception, however, will apply only to the extent that a beneficiary or settlor with respect to the fiduciary, or a beneficial owner, partner or member of the partnership, limited liability company or other fiscally transparent entity, would not have been entitled to the payment of an additional amount had the beneficiary, settlor, beneficial owner, partner or member received directly its beneficial or distributive share of the payment. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "beneficial owner of a Note" includes any Person holding a Note on behalf of or for the account of a beneficial owner. Except as specifically provided under this Section 2.15, the Company shall not be required to make any payment for any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed by any government or a political subdivision or taxing authority of or in any government or political subdivision.

(c) In the event that the Company is required to pay additional amounts to Holders of Notes, the Company will provide written notice to the Trustee of its obligation to pay additional amounts, and the notice shall set forth the additional amounts to be paid by the Company on such payment date. The Trustee shall not at any time be under any duty or responsibility to any Holder of Notes to determine the additional amounts, or with respect to the nature, extent, or calculation of the amount of additional amounts owed, or with respect to the method employed in such calculation of the additional amounts.

ARTICLE 3.

FORM OF NOTES

Section 3.1 Form of Notes. The Notes and the Trustee's Certificate of Authentication to be endorsed thereon are to be substantially in the forms set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

ARTICLE 4.

ORIGINAL ISSUE OF NOTES

Section 4.1 Original Issue of Notes. The Notes may, upon execution of this Supplemental Indenture, be executed by the Company and delivered to the Trustee for authentication, and the Trustee shall, upon receipt of a Company Order, authenticate and deliver such Notes as in such Company Order provided.

ARTICLE 5.

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 5.1 Ratification of Indenture. The Base Indenture, as supplemented by this Supplemental Indenture, is in all respects ratified and confirmed, and this Supplemental Indenture shall be deemed part of the Base Indenture in the manner and to the extent herein and therein provided; provided that the provisions of this Supplemental Indenture apply solely with respect to the Notes.

Section 5.2 Trustee Not Responsible for Recitals. The recitals herein contained are made by the Company and not by the Trustee, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for the correctness thereof. The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture.

Section 5.3 Governing Law. This Supplemental Indenture and each Note shall be deemed to be contracts made under the law of the State of New York, and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of said State.

Section 5.4 Separability. In case any provision in this Supplemental Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 5.5 Counterparts Originals. This Supplemental Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed, all as of the day and year first above written.

MOODY'S CORPORATION

By: /s/ John J. Goggins
Name: John J. Goggins
Title: Executive Vice President and
General Counsel

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Trustee

By: /s/ Gregory S. Clarke
Name: Gregory S. Clarke
Title: Vice President

ELAVON FINANCIAL SERVICES DAC, UK Branch, as
Paying Agent

By: /s/ Michael Leong
Name: Michael Leong
Title: Authorised Signatory

By: /s/ Chris Hobbs
Name: Chris Hobbs
Title: Authorised Signatory

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Registrar and Transfer Agent

By: /s/ Michael Leong
Name: Michael Leong
Title: Authorised Signatory

By: /s/ Chris Hobbs
Name: Chris Hobbs
Title: Authorised Signatory

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[FORM OF FACE OF 2030 NOTE]

THIS NOTE IS A GLOBAL SECURITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF USB NOMINEES (UK) LIMITED, AS NOMINEE FOR ELAVON FINANCIAL SERVICES DAC, AS DEPOSITARY (THE "DEPOSITARY") FOR CLEARSTREAM BANKING, SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME AND EUROCLEAR BANK, S.A./N.V., WHICH MAY BE TREATED BY THE COMPANY, THE TRUSTEE AND ANY AGENT THEREOF AS OWNER AND HOLDER OF THIS NOTE FOR ALL PURPOSES.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF USB NOMINEES (UK) LIMITED OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY (AND ANY PAYMENT HEREON IS MADE TO USB NOMINEES (UK) LIMITED OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL SINCE THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, USB NOMINEES (UK) LIMITED, HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY, OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY, OR BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY.

MOODY'S CORPORATION
0.950% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2030

No. 1

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Principal and Interest. Moody's Corporation, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (herein called the "**Company**," which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to USB Nominees (UK) Limited or registered assigns, the principal sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION EUROS (€750,000,000) on February 25, 2030 and to pay interest thereon from November 25, 2019 or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, annually in arrears on February 25 in each year, commencing February 25, 2020 at the rate of 0.950% per annum, until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment.

Method of Payment. The interest and additional amounts, if any, so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date shall, as provided in such Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Record Date for such interest, which shall be 15 calendar days immediately before such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Record Date and may either be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, notice thereof having been given to Holders of Notes not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, all as more fully provided in said Indenture. Payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and any such interest on this Note shall be made at the office of Elavon Financial Services DAC, UK Branch in euros.

Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof, which further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

Authentication. Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee or the Authentication Agent referred to on the reverse hereof by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed under its corporate seal.

Dated: November 25, 2019

MOODY'S CORPORATION

By: _____
Name: John J. Goggins
Title: Executive Vice President and
General Counsel

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

Dated: November 25, 2019

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

as Trustee, certifies
that this is one of
the Securities referred
to in the Indenture.

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

Indenture. This Note is one of a duly authorized issue of Securities of the Company (herein called the “**Note**” or collectively, the “**Notes**”), issued and to be issued under an Indenture, dated as of August 19, 2010, as supplemented by a Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated November 25, 2019 (as so supplemented, herein called the “**Indenture**”), between the Company, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee (herein called the “**Trustee**,” which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), Elavon Financial Services DAC, UK Branch, as Paying Agent (herein called the “**Paying Agent**,” which terms include any successor paying agent under the Indenture) and U.S. Bank National Association, as Registrar and Transfer Agent (herein called the “**Registrar**” and the “**Transfer Agent**,” respectively, which terms include any successor registrar or transfer agent under the Indenture), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee, Paying Agent, Registrar, and Transfer Agent and the Holders of the Notes and of the terms upon which the Notes are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. This Note is one of the series designated on the face hereof, initially limited in aggregate principal amount to €750,000,000.

Optional Redemption. The Notes are subject to redemption at the Company’s option, in whole or in part, at any time prior to November 25, 2029 (three months prior to their maturity) at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but excluding, the Redemption Date, and (ii) the sum of the present values of the Remaining Scheduled Payments of principal and interest on the Notes to be redeemed (not including any portion of such payments of interest accrued as of the date of redemption) discounted to the date of redemption on an annual basis (ACTUAL/ACTUAL (ICMA)) at the applicable Comparable Government Bond Rate plus 20 basis points, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount being redeemed to, but excluding, the Redemption Date.

Commencing on November 25, 2029 (three months prior to their maturity), the Company may redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount being redeemed to, but excluding, the Redemption Date.

For purposes of determining the optional redemption price, the following definitions are applicable:

“Comparable Government Bond Rate” means, with respect to the Redemption Date, the price, expressed as a percentage (rounded to three decimal places, with 0.0005 being rounded upwards), at which the gross redemption yield on the Notes to be redeemed, if they were to be purchased at such price on the third Business Day prior to the date fixed for redemption, would be equal to the gross redemption yield on such Business Day of the Comparable Government Bond (as defined below) on the basis of the middle market price of the Comparable Government Bond prevailing at 11:00 a.m. (London time) on such Business Day as determined by an independent investment bank selected by the Company.

“Comparable Government Bond” means, in relation to any Comparable Government Bond Rate calculation, at the discretion of an independent investment bank selected by the Company, a German government bond whose maturity is closest to the maturity of the Notes to be redeemed, or if such independent investment bank in its discretion determines that such similar bond is not in issue, such other German government bond as such independent investment bank may, with the advice of three brokers of, and/or market makers in, German government bonds selected by the Company, determine to be appropriate for determining the Comparable Government Bond Rate.

“Remaining Scheduled Payments” means, with respect to each Note to be redeemed, the remaining scheduled payments of the principal thereof and interest thereon that would be due after the related Redemption Date but for such redemption; provided, however, that, if such Redemption Date is not an Interest Payment Date with respect to such Note, the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment thereon will be deemed to be reduced by the amount of interest accrued thereon to such Redemption Date.

Notice of any redemption shall be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the Redemption Date to each registered Holder of the Notes to be redeemed. If money sufficient to pay the redemption price of all of the Notes (or portions thereof) to be redeemed on the Redemption Date is deposited with the Trustee or Paying Agent on or before the Redemption Date, and unless the Company defaults in payment of the redemption price, on and after the Redemption Date, interest shall cease to accrue on the Notes or portions of the Notes called for redemption. If fewer than all of the Notes are to be redeemed, and such Notes are at the time represented by a Global Security, the Depositary shall select by lot the particular interests to be redeemed. If the Company elects to redeem fewer than all of the Notes, and any of such Notes are not represented by a Global Security, then the Trustee shall select the particular Notes to be redeemed in a manner it deems appropriate and fair (and the Depositary shall select by lot the particular interests in any Global Security to be redeemed).

The Company may at any time, and from time to time, purchase the Notes at any price or prices in the open market or otherwise.

Redemption for Tax Reasons. The Company may redeem the Notes prior to maturity in whole, but not in part, on not more than 60 days’ notice and not less than 30 days’ notice at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of such Notes plus any accrued interest and additional amounts to, but not including, the date fixed for redemption if:

(a) as a result of a change in or amendment to the tax laws, regulations or rulings of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority of or in the United States or any change in official position regarding the application or interpretation of such laws, regulations or rulings (including a holding by a court of competent jurisdiction in the United States) that is announced or becomes effective on or after November 25, 2019, the Company has or will become obligated, on the next date on which any payment under the Notes is due, to pay additional amounts with respect to the Notes as described above under “*Payment of Additional Amounts*,” and the Company, in its business judgment, determines that such obligations cannot be avoided by the use of reasonable measures available to the Company; or

(b) on or after November 25, 2019, the Closing Date, any action is taken by a taxing authority of, or any decision has been rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction in, the United States or any political subdivision of or in the United States, including any of those actions specified above, whether or not such action was taken or decision was rendered with respect to the Company, or any change, amendment, application or interpretation is officially proposed, which, in any such case, in the written opinion of independent legal counsel of recognized standing, will result in a material probability that the Company will become obligated to pay additional amounts with respect to the notes, and the Company, in its business judgment, determines that such obligations cannot be avoided by the use of reasonable measures available to the Company.

If the Company exercises its option to redeem the notes, it will deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by an authorized officer stating that the Company is entitled to redeem the notes and an opinion of independent tax counsel to the effect that the circumstances described in items (a) and (b) above exist.

Defaults and Remedies. If an Event of Default with respect to Notes shall occur and be continuing, the principal of the Notes may be declared due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture.

Amendment, Modification and Waiver. The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Notes at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes at the time Outstanding. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Notes, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Note shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note.

Restrictive Covenants. The Indenture does not limit the incurrence of additional debt by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; however, it does limit the creation of certain Liens and the entry into sale and leaseback transactions by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries. The limitations are subject to a number of important qualifications and exceptions. Once a year, the Company must report to the Trustee on its compliance with these limitations.

Denominations, Transfer and Exchange. The Notes are issuable only in registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of €100,000 and in integral multiples of €1,000 in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, Notes are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Notes of any different authorized denomination or denominations, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, including Section 3.06 of the Base Indenture, the transfer of this Note is registerable in the Register, upon

surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the Registrar accompanied by a written request for transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Registrar duly executed by the Holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Notes of any different authorized denomination or denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, shall be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company or the Trustee may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Persons Deemed Owners. Prior to due presentment of this Note for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Note is registered as the owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and premium, if any, and (subject to Section 3.08 of the Base Indenture) interest, if any, on such Note and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not this Note be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any agent shall of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Defined Terms. All terms used in this Note and not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

If you want to elect to have this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to the provisions hereof, check the box:

If you want to elect to have only part of the Note purchased by the Company pursuant to the provisions hereof, state the amount you elect to have purchased: € _____

Date: _____

Your
Signature:

_____ (Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Tax
Identification
No.:

Signature

Guarantee*: _____

* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

DATED 25 NOVEMBER 2019

ISSUER

MOODY'S CORPORATION

PAYING AGENT

ELAVON FINANCIAL SERVICES DAC, UK BRANCH

TRANSFER AGENT

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

REGISTRAR

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

- AND -

TRUSTEE

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

AGENCY AGREEMENT

relating to Notes issued under a prospectus dated February 24, 2017, as supplemented by a prospectus supplement dated November 14, 2019

THIS AGREEMENT is made on November 25, 2019

BETWEEN:

- (1) MOODY'S CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal office at 7 World Trade Center at 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007, United States of America, (the "**Issuer**");
- (2) ELAVON FINANCIAL SERVICES DAC, a limited liability company registered in Ireland with the Companies Registration Office (registered number 418442), with its registered office at Building 8, Cherrywood Business Park, Loughlinstown, Dublin 18, D18 W319, Ireland acting through its UK Branch (registered number BR009373) from its offices at Fifth Floor, 125 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1AR, United Kingdom, as Paying Agent (the "**Paying Agent**" which expression shall include any successor paying agent appointed in accordance with this Agreement);
- (3) U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association chartered under the federal laws of the United States of America with an office at 100 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005, United States of America as Transfer Agent (the "**Transfer Agent**" which expression shall include any successor transfer agent appointed in accordance with this Agreement);
- (4) U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association chartered under the federal laws of the United States of America with an office at 100 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005, United States of America as Registrar (the "**Registrar**" which expression shall include any successor registrar appointed in accordance with this Agreement); and
- (5) WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association organized and in good standing under the laws of the United States of America as Trustee (the "**Trustee**").

WHEREAS:

- (A) The Issuer has agreed to issue €750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 0.950% senior notes due on 2030 (the "**Notes**").
- (B) The Notes are to be constituted by an Indenture, dated as of August 19, 2010, by and among the Issuer, as issuer, and the Trustee, as trustee, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, the Second Supplemental Indenture, the Third Supplemental Indenture, the Fourth Supplemental Indenture, the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, the Sixth Supplemental Indenture, the Seventh Supplemental Indenture, the Eighth Supplemental Indenture, the Ninth Supplemental Indenture and the Tenth Supplemental Indenture (the "**Indenture**"), as set out in Appendix 1.
- (C) The Issuer hereby appoints the Paying Agent, the Transfer Agent and the Registrar in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Indenture.

IT IS AGREED:

1. **INTERPRETATION**

- 1.1 Unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1.2 References in this Agreement to the payment of principal or interest in respect of any Note shall be deemed to include any additional amounts which may become payable in respect thereof pursuant to the Notes and the Indenture.

1.3 All references in this Agreement to an agreement, instrument or other document (including this Agreement, the Indenture and the Notes) shall be construed as a reference to that agreement, instrument or document as the same may be amended, modified, varied, supplemented or novated from time to time.

1.4 Except as specifically set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement is for the exclusive benefit of the parties to this Agreement and their respective permitted successors, and shall not be deemed to give, either expressly or implicitly, any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim to any other entity or person whatsoever.

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE REGISTRAR

2.1 Pursuant to Section 2.12 of the Tenth Supplemental Indenture, the Issuer has initially appointed the Registrar to act at its specified office as registrar in relation to the Notes in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Indenture and upon the terms and subject to the conditions contained in this Agreement and the Indenture.

2.2 On the date of this Agreement, the Registrar shall provide to the Paying Agent a complete and correct copy of the register maintained by the Registrar in respect of the holders of Notes and the outstanding principal amount of Notes held by each holder of Notes.

2.3 The Registrar shall from time to time provide to the Paying Agent a complete and correct copy of the register of Notes maintained by it as soon as reasonably practicable following any transfer or exchange of any Notes, and promptly on request therefor by the Paying Agent.

2.4 The Paying Agent shall be entitled to treat as conclusive the most recent copy of the register provided to it by the Registrar in accordance with this Agreement.

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE TRANSFER AGENT

3.1 Pursuant to Section 2.12 of the Tenth Supplemental Indenture, the Issuer has initially appointed the Transfer Agent to act as Transfer Agent for the purposes specified in this Agreement, the Indenture and the Notes, including, inter alia, completing, authenticating, holding and delivering Notes, upon the terms and subject to the conditions specified herein, the Indenture and in the Notes, and the Transfer Agent hereby accepts such appointment.

4. APPOINTMENT OF PAYING AGENT

4.1 Pursuant to Section 2.12 of the Tenth Supplemental Indenture, the Issuer has initially appointed the Paying Agent to act at its specified office as paying agent in relation to the Notes in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Indenture and upon the terms and subject to the conditions contained in this Agreement and the Indenture.

4.2 The Paying Agent is appointed hereunder for the purposes of:

- (a) paying sums due on the Notes referred to in Section 6.01 of the Indenture; and
- (b) otherwise fulfilling its duties and obligations as set out in this Agreement and the Indenture.

5. PAYMENT

Subject always to the Indenture and, in particular, any restrictions on the Issuer following delivery of a notice of an Event of Default:

- (a) The Issuer shall, not later than 10.00 am (London time) on the Business Day prior to which any payment in respect of the Notes becomes due, pay to such account of the Paying Agent as the Paying Agent shall specify in Euros in immediately

available funds on each due date for the payment of principal and/or interest and/or other amounts referred to in Article 2 of the Indenture in respect of the Notes, an amount sufficient (together with any funds then held by the Paying Agent and available for the purpose) to pay all principal and interest and/or other amounts referred to in Article 2 of the Indenture due in respect of the Notes on such date; provided that if any such date is not a Business Day such payment shall be made on the next succeeding date which is a Business Day. As used in this Agreement, "Business Day" shall have the meaning as set forth in the Indenture.

- (b) The Issuer hereby authorises and directs the Paying Agent from funds so paid to the Paying Agent to make payment of all amounts due on the Notes in accordance with the terms of the Notes, the Indenture and the provisions of this Agreement. If any payment provided for in clause 5(a) is after the date specified therein but otherwise in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Paying Agent shall nevertheless make payments in respect of the Notes as aforesaid following receipt by the Paying Agent of such payment.
- (c) If the Paying Agent has not, on the date on which any payment is due to be made to the Paying Agent pursuant to clause 5(a), received the full amount payable in respect thereof on such date but receives such full amount later, together with accrued interest (if any) in accordance with the Indenture, it shall forthwith so notify the Issuer and the Trustee. Unless and until the full amount of any such principal or interest payment has been made to it, the Paying Agent will not be bound to make such payments.
- (d) Without prejudice to clause 5(b), if the Paying Agent pays out on or after the due date therefor (other than as a result of its own gross negligence or wilful misconduct) to persons entitled thereto, or becomes liable to pay out, any amounts on the assumption (which is not negated by reasonable evidence to the contrary) that the corresponding payment by the Issuer has been or will be made, the Issuer shall on demand reimburse the Paying Agent for the relevant amount, and pay interest to the Paying Agent on such amount from (and including) the date on which it is paid out to (but excluding) the date of reimbursement at the rate per annum equal to the cost to the Paying Agent of funding the amount paid out, as certified by the Paying Agent and expressed as a rate per annum.
- (e) Payment of only part of the amount payable in respect of a Note may only be made at the discretion of the relevant Noteholder(s) (except as the result of a withholding or deduction for or on account of any taxes permitted by the Indenture). If at any time a Paying Agent makes a partial payment in respect of any Note presented to it, it shall inform the Registrar of the same such that the Registrar may record the same on the register of Notes.

6. REPAYMENT

Any sums paid by, or by arrangement with the Issuer to the Paying Agent pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall not be required to be repaid to the Issuer unless and until the Notes in respect of which such sums were paid shall have been purchased or redeemed by the Issuer or any other subsidiary of the Issuer and cancelled, but in any of these events the Paying Agent shall (provided that all other amounts due under this Agreement shall have been duly paid) upon written request by the Issuer forthwith repay to the Issuer sums equivalent to the amounts which would otherwise have been payable on the relevant Notes together with any fees previously paid to the Paying Agent in respect of such Notes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Paying Agent shall not be obliged to make any repayment to the Issuer so long as any amounts which under this Agreement should have been paid to or to the order of the Paying Agent by the Issuer shall remain unpaid. The Paying Agent shall not, however, be otherwise required or entitled to repay any sums properly received by it under this Agreement.

7. **PREPAYMENT; NOTICE OF WITHHOLDING OR DEDUCTION**

- 7.1 The Issuer shall provide to the Paying Agent a copy of all notices of prepayment delivered under the Indenture in respect of the Notes that it serves on the holders of the Notes including, without limitation, details of the date(s) on which such prepayments in respect of the Notes are to be made, all amounts required to be paid by the Issuer in respect thereof in accordance with the Indenture and the manner in which such prepayment will be effected.
- 7.2 If:
- (a) the Issuer, in respect of any payment; or
 - (b) the Paying Agent, in respect of any payment of principal of or any premium or interest on the Notes,
- is required to withhold or deduct any amount for or on account of Tax,
- (c) the Issuer shall give notice thereof to the Paying Agent and the Trustee as soon as it becomes aware of such requirement and shall give to the Paying Agent such information as the Paying Agent requires to enable it to make such deduction or withholding; and
 - (d) except where such requirement arises as a result of prepayment of the Notes in accordance with the Indenture or by virtue of the relevant holder failing to satisfy any certification or other requirement in respect of its Notes, the Paying Agent shall give notice thereof to the Issuer and the Trustee as soon as it becomes aware of the requirement to withhold or deduct.

8. **RECORDS**

The Paying Agent shall:

- (a) keep a full and complete record of all payments made by it in respect of the Notes; and
- (b) make such records available at all reasonable times to the Issuer and any persons authorised by it, and the Trustee for inspection and for the taking of copies thereof.

9. **FEES AND EXPENSES**

- 9.1 The Issuer will pay to the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar such fees and expenses in respect of the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar's services under this Agreement as agreed to in the fee letter dated 01 November 2019, from the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar to, and countersigned by the Issuer.
- 9.2 The Issuer will also pay on demand, against presentation of such invoices and receipts as it may reasonably require, all properly-incurred out-of-pocket expenses (including necessary advertising, facsimile and telex transmission, postage and insurance expenses and, subject to prior approval by the Issuer as set forth below, the fees and expenses of legal advisers) properly incurred by the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar in connection with the services under this Agreement, together with any applicable value added tax or similar tax properly chargeable thereon. Payment by the Issuer to the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar of such properly-incurred out-of-pocket expenses shall be a good discharge of the obligations of the Issuer in respect thereof. Where the advice of legal counsel is sought by the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar, the fees of any such counsel shall be agreed to by the Issuer (acting reasonably) in advance.

10. **INDEMNITY**

- 10.1 The Issuer undertakes to indemnify and hold harmless, the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent, Registrar and each of its respective directors, officers, employees or agents (each an “**Indemnified Party**”) on demand by such Indemnified Party against any losses, liabilities, costs, fees, expenses, claims, actions, damages or demands (including, but not limited to, all reasonable costs, charges and expenses paid or incurred in disputing or defending the foregoing and the properly incurred fees and expenses of legal advisers) which such Indemnified Party may incur or which may be made against it, as a result of the exercise of or performance of its powers and duties under this Agreement, except such as may result from its own gross negligence, wilful misconduct or fraud or that of its directors, officers, employees or agents.
- 10.2 The indemnity contained in clause 10.1 above shall survive the termination and expiry of this Agreement.

11. **CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT**

- 11.1 The Paying Agent shall (a) hold all sums received from Issuer in accordance with this Agreement and the Indenture for payment of principal of or any premium or interest on the Notes in trust for the benefit of Persons entitled thereto until such sums shall be paid to such Persons or otherwise disposed of as provided in this Agreement and the Indenture; (b) give the Trustee notice of any default by the Issuer (or any other obligor upon the Notes) in the making of any payment of principal of or premium or interest on the Notes; and (c) at any time during the continuance of any such default, upon the written request of the Trustee, forthwith pay to the Trustee all sums held by it in trust for payment in respect of the Notes.
- 11.2 No monies held by the Paying Agent need be segregated except as required by law.
- 11.3 In acting under this Agreement and in connection with the Notes, the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar shall act solely as agent of the Issuer and, save solely in respect of its obligations under clause 11.1 hereof, shall not have any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust with any of the holders of the Notes or the Trustee.
- 11.4 The Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar shall be obliged to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set out in this Agreement. No implied duties or obligations shall be read into such document. The Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar shall not be obliged to perform any duties additional to or different from such duties resulting from any modification or supplement after the date hereof to any relevant documents (including, without limitation, the Indenture), unless it shall have previously agreed to perform such duties. The Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar shall not be under any obligation to take any action hereunder which either party expects, and has thus notified the Issuer in writing, will result in any expense or liability of such Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar, the payment of which within a reasonable time is not, in its opinion, assured to it.
- 11.5 Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the Paying Agent shall be entitled to treat the holder of any Note (as evidenced by the register of Notes maintained by the Registrar) as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes (whether or not it is overdue and notwithstanding any notice to the contrary or any notice of ownership, trust or any interest in it, any writing on it, or its theft or loss) and shall not be required to obtain any proof thereof or as to the identity of the bearer or holder.
- 11.6 The Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar may consult with any legal or other professional advisers (who may be an employee of or legal adviser to the Issuer) selected by it, at the cost of the Issuer, provided that the fees of any such counsel shall be agreed to by the Issuer (acting reasonably) in advance, and the opinion of such advisers shall be full and complete protection in respect of any action taken, omitted or suffered hereunder in accordance with the written opinion of such advisers.

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- 11.7 The Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar shall be protected and shall incur no liability for or in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it in reliance upon any instruction, request or order from the Issuer or upon any Note, notice, resolution, direction, consent, certificate, affidavit, statement, telex, facsimile transmission or other document or information from any electronic or other source reasonably believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or otherwise given or disseminated by the proper party or parties, even if it is subsequently found not to be genuine or to be incorrect.
- 11.8 The Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar, whether acting for itself or in any other capacity, will not be precluded from becoming the owner of, or acquiring any interest in, holding or disposing of any Note or any shares or other securities of the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries, holding or associated companies (each a “**Connected Company**”), with the same rights as it would have had if it were not acting as Paying Agent or from entering into or being interested in any contracts or transactions with any Connected Company or from acting on, or as depository, trustee or agent for, any committee or body of holders of any securities of any Connected Company and will not be liable to account for any profit.
- 11.9 The Paying Agent shall not be required to make any payments to any holder of a Note if under any laws or regulations affecting the Paying Agent, such payment is not permitted. In the event of any such laws or regulations affecting the Paying Agent coming to the attention of the Paying Agent it shall forthwith notify the Issuer and the Trustee.
- 11.10 The Issuer shall do or cause to be done all such acts, matters and things and shall make available all such documents as shall be necessary or desirable to enable the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar to fully comply with and carry out its respective duties and obligations hereunder.
- 11.11 In no event shall the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar or any of its affiliates or any of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, advisors or representatives (collectively, “**Agent Parties**”) have any liability for damages of any kind, including, without limitation, direct or indirect, special, incidental or consequential damages, losses or expenses (whether in tort, contract or otherwise), except to the extent the liability of the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar is found in a final non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted primarily from the gross negligence, wilful misconduct or fraud of the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar or their Agent Parties.
- 11.12 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and the Registrar shall not incur any liability for not performing any act or fulfilling any obligation hereunder by reason of any occurrence beyond its control including, without limitation, (i) any governmental activity (whether de jure or de facto), act of authority (whether lawful or unlawful), compliance with any governmental or regulatory order, rule, regulation or direction, curfew restriction, expropriation, compulsory acquisition, seizure, requisition, nationalisation or the imposition of currency or currency control restrictions; (ii) any failure of or the effect of rules or operations of any funds transfer, settlement or clearing system, interruption, loss or malfunction of utilities, communications or computer services or the payment or repayment of any cash or sums arising from the application of any law or regulation in effect now or in the future, or from the occurrence of any event in the country in which such cash is held which may affect, limit, prohibit or prevent the transferability, convertibility, availability, payment or repayment of any cash or sums until such time as such law, regulation or event shall no longer affect, limit, prohibit or prevent such transferability, convertibility, availability, payment or repayment (and in no event, other than as provided in the Notes, shall the Paying Agent be obliged to substitute another currency for a currency whose transferability, convertibility or availability has been affected, limited, prohibited or prevented by such law, regulation or event or be obliged to pay any penalty

interest); (iii) any strike or work stoppage, go slow, occupation of premises, other industrial action or dispute or any breach of contract by any essential personnel; (iv) any equipment or transmission failure or failure of applicable banking or financial systems; (v) any war, armed conflict including but not limited to hostile attack, hostilities, or acts of a foreign enemy; (vi) any riot, insurrection, civil commotion or disorder, mob violence or act of civil disobedience; (vii) any act of terrorism or sabotage; (viii) any explosion, fire, destruction of machines, equipment or any kind of installation, prolonged breakdown of transport, radioactive contamination, nuclear fusion or fission or electric current; (ix) any epidemic, natural disaster (such as but not limited to violent storm, hurricane, blizzard, earthquake, landslide, tidal wave, flood, damage or destruction by lightning, or drought); or (x) any other act of God.

- 11.13 Pursuant to and in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article 12 of the Indenture (i) the Issuer may at any time, for the purpose of obtaining the satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture or for any other purpose, direct the Paying Agent to pay to the Trustee all sums held in trust by the Paying Agent, such sums to be held by the Trustee upon the same trusts as those upon which such sums were held by the Paying Agent; and, upon such payment by the Paying Agent to the Trustee, the Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such money and (ii) any money deposited with the Paying Agent in trust for the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on the Notes remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, premium or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Issuer on the Issuer's request and all liability of the Paying Agent with respect to such trust money shall thereupon cease.

12. CHANGES IN PAYING AGENT OR REGISTRAR AND SPECIFIED OFFICES

- 12.1 The Issuer may at any time vary or terminate the appointment of the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or the Registrar and appoint additional or other paying agents or registrars.
- Any variation or termination shall be made by giving to the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar and (if different) to the paying agent, transfer agent or registrar whose appointment is to be varied or terminated not less than 60 days' written notice to that effect, which notice shall expire not less than 30 days before or after any due date for any payment in respect of Notes.
- 12.2 Subject to clause 12.1, and pursuant to Section 2.12(b) of the Tenth Supplemental Indenture, the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar may resign its appointment hereunder at any time by giving to the Issuer not less than 90 days' written notice to that effect, which notice shall expire not less than 45 days before or after any due date for any payments in respect of any Notes.
- 12.3 Notwithstanding clauses 12.1 and 12.2 no such termination of the appointment of, or resignation by, the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar shall take effect until a successor has been appointed on terms approved by the Issuer or the Issuer has otherwise approved such resignation without a successor being appointed.
- 12.4 Notwithstanding any other provisions of clause 12.1, the appointment of the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar shall forthwith terminate if at any time such Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar becomes incapable of acting, or is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, or files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors or consents to the appointment of a receiver, administrator or other similar official of it or of all or any substantial part of its property or admits in writing its inability to pay or meet its debts as they mature or suspends payment thereof, or if a resolution is passed or an order made for its winding up or dissolution, or if a receiver, administrator or other similar official of it or of all or any substantial part of its property is appointed, or if any order of any court is entered approving any petition filed by or against it under the provisions of any applicable bankruptcy or insolvency law, or if any public officer takes charge or

control of such Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar or its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation, administration or liquidation or there occurs any analogous event under any applicable law.

- 12.5 On the date on which any such termination or resignation takes effect, the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar shall (i) pay to or to the order of its successor (or, if none, the Issuer) any amounts held by it in respect of the Notes which have become due and payable but which have not been presented for payment; and (ii) deliver to its successor (or, if none, the Issuer), or as it may direct, all records maintained by it, pursuant hereto. Following such termination or resignation and pending such payment and delivery, the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar shall hold such amounts, records and documents in trust for and subject to the order of its successor or, as the case may be, the Issuer.
- 12.6 Any corporation into which any Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar may be merged or converted or any corporation with which such Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar may be consolidated or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which such Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar shall be a party, or any corporation, including affiliated corporations, to which the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar shall sell or otherwise transfer: (a) all or substantially all of its assets or (b) all or substantially all of its corporate trust business shall, on the date when the merger, conversion, consolidation or transfer becomes effective and to the extent permitted by any applicable laws, be the successor Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar under this Agreement without any further formality, and after such effective date all references in this Agreement to such Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar shall be deemed to be references to such corporation. Notice of any such merger, conversion, consolidation or transfer shall forthwith be given by the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar to the Issuer and the Trustee.
- 12.7 The Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar may change its specified office to another office in London at any time by giving to the Issuer and the Trustee not less than 60 days' prior written notice to that effect, which notice shall expire not less than 30 days before or after any due date for any payments in respect of any Notes, and which notice shall specify the address of the new specified office and the date upon which such change is to take effect.

13. NOTICES

- 13.1 If the Issuer arranges publication of any notice to the holders of the Notes, it shall at or before the time of such publication, send copies of each notice so published to the Paying Agent.
- 13.2 The Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar shall promptly forward any written notice received by it from any holders of the Notes to the Issuer and the Trustee.

14. COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1 For the purposes of this clause, the address of each party at the date of this Agreement shall be the address set out below (including, where applicable, the details of the facsimile number, the person for whose attention the notice or communication is to be addressed and the email address):

the Issuer:

Moody's Corporation:

7 World Trade Center
at 250 Greenwich Street
New York, New York 10007

Fax : 212-553-0084
Attention : General Counsel

As may be amended from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.

the Paying Agent:

Elavon Financial Services DAC, UK Branch

125 Old Broad Street, Fifth Floor
London, EC2N 1AR
United Kingdom

Fax: +44 (0)207 365 2577
Attention: Structured Finance Relationship Management
Email: mbs.relationship.management@usbank.com

As may be amended from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.

the Transfer Agent:

U.S. Bank National Association

100 Wall Street, Suite 600
New York, NY 10005
United States of America

Attention: Corp Municipal
Email: beverly.freeney@usbank.com

As may be amended from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.

the Registrar:

U.S. Bank National Association

100 Wall Street, Suite 600
New York, NY 10005
United States of America

Attention: Corp Municipal
Email: beverly.freeney@usbank.com

As may be amended from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.

the Trustee:

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association

1 Independent Drive, Suite 620
Jacksonville, Florida 32202
United States of America

Fax +1 904-351-7259
Attention: Corporate Trust Services – Administrator Moody’s Corp.
Email: tina.gonzalez@wellsfargo.com

As may be amended from time to time in accordance with the Indenture and notified by the Issuer to the Paying Agent.

15. AMENDMENTS

- 15.1 For the avoidance of doubt, this Agreement may be amended in writing by the parties hereto.
- 15.2 The Issuer shall provide to the Paying Agent a copy of any amendment to the Indenture as soon as reasonably practicable following such amendment taking effect. Where reference is made in this Agreement to the Indenture, such reference shall, for the purposes of the Paying Agent’s rights and obligations under this Agreement only, be deemed to refer to the most recent version of such document provided to the Paying Agent by the Issuer.

16. TAXES

The Issuer agrees to pay any and all stamp and other documentary taxes or duties which may be payable in connection with the execution, delivery, performance and enforcement of this Agreement.

17. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

- 17.1 This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and the rights of the parties shall be governed by, the law of the State of New York.
- 17.2 Each of the Paying Agent, the Transfer Agent, the Registrar and the Issuer irrevocably submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of any New York State or federal court sitting in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, over any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each of the Paying Agent, the Transfer Agent, the Registrar and the Issuer irrevocably waives and agrees not to assert, by way of motion, as a defense or otherwise, any claim that it is not subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of the venue of any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court and any claim that any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

17.3 Each of the Paying Agent, the Transfer Agent, the Registrar and the Issuer agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, that a final judgment in any suit, action or proceeding of the nature referred to in clause 17.2 brought in any such court shall be conclusive and binding upon it subject to rights of appeal, as the case may be, and may be enforced in the courts of the United States of America or the State of New York (or any other courts to the jurisdiction of which it or any of its assets is or may be subject) by a suit upon such judgment.

17.4 THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION BROUGHT ON OR WITH RESPECT TO THIS AGREEMENT.

18. **COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single instrument.

AS WITNESS the hands of the parties or their duly authorised agents the day and year first above written.

ISSUER

MOODY'S CORPORATION

By: /s/ John J. Goggins

John J. Goggins

Executive Vice President and General Counsel

PAYING AGENT

Elavon Financial Services DAC, UK Branch

By: Michael Leong
Michael Leong
Authorised Signatory

By: Chris Hobbs
Chris Hobbs
Authorised Signatory

TRANSFER AGENT

U.S. Bank National Association

By: Michael Leong
Michael Leong
Authorised Signatory

By: Chris Hobbs
Chris Hobbs
Authorised Signatory

REGISTRAR

U.S. Bank National Association

By: Michael Leong
Michael Leong
Authorised Signatory

By: Chris Hobbs
Chris Hobbs
Authorised Signatory

TRUSTEE

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association

By: /s/ Gregory S. Clarke
Gregory S. Clarke
Vice President

Indenture

November 25, 2019

Moody's Corporation
7 World Trade Center at 250 Greenwich Street
New York, New York, 10007

Re: *Moody's Corporation*
€750,000,000 of 0.950% Senior Notes due 2030

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have examined the Registration Statement on Form S-3, file no. 333-216211 (the "Registration Statement") of filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933 (as amended, the "Securities Act"), the prospectus included therein, the prospectus supplement, dated November 14, 2019, filed with the Commission on November 15, 2019 pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act (the "Prospectus Supplement"), in connection with the offering and sale by the Company of €750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 0.950% Senior Notes due 2030 (the "Notes").

The Notes have been issued pursuant to the Indenture dated as of August 19, 2010 (as so amended prior to the date hereof, the "Base Indenture"), between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), as supplemented by the Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated November 25, 2019 (the "Supplemental Indenture" and together with the Base Indenture, the "Indenture") between the Company, the Trustee and Elavon Financial Services Limited, UK Branch as paying agent and U.S. Bank National Association as registrar and transfer agent.

In arriving at the opinions expressed below, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction as being true and complete copies of the originals, of the Base Indenture, the Supplemental Indenture and the Notes and such other documents, corporate records, certificates of officers of the Company and of public officials and other instruments as we have deemed necessary or advisable to enable us to render these opinions. In our examination, we have assumed, without independent investigation, the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity and competency of all natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies. As to any facts material to these opinions, we have relied to the extent we deemed appropriate and without independent investigation upon statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and others.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, exceptions, qualifications and limitations set forth herein, we are of the opinion that the Notes are legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

The opinion expressed above is subject to the following additional exceptions, qualifications, limitations and assumptions:

A. We render no opinion herein as to matters involving the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of New York. This opinion is limited to the effect of the current state of the laws of the State of New York and the facts as they currently exist. We assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion in the event of future changes in such laws or the interpretations thereof or such facts.

B. The opinion above is subject to (i) the effect of any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, arrangement or similar laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors' generally, including the effect of statutory or other laws regarding fraudulent transfers or preferential transfers, and (ii) general principles of equity, including concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing and the possible unavailability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

C. We express no opinion regarding the effectiveness of (i) any waiver of stay, extension or usury laws or of unknown future rights, (ii) provisions relating to indemnification, exculpation or contribution, to the extent such provisions may be held unenforceable as contrary to public policy or federal or state securities laws; (iii) any waiver of the right to jury trial; or (iv) any provision to the effect that every right or remedy is cumulative and may be exercised in addition to any other right or remedy or that the election of some particular remedy does not preclude recourse to one or more others.

Moody's Corporation
November 25, 2019
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We consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and we further consent to the use of our name under the caption "Validity of Securities" in the Registration Statement and "Validity of Notes" in the Prospectus Supplement. In giving these consents, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP