

Announcement: Banco Itau SA

Moody's affirms Banco Itau Cayman's notes at Baa3

New York, January 21, 2009 -- Moody's Investors Service affirmed the Baa3 foreign currency debt rating assigned to Banco Itau S.A. Cayman Island Branch's US\$100 million notes, maturing January 2012. The outlook on the rating is stable.

Moody's stated that the Baa3 rating incorporates Banco Itau's fundamental credit quality, which is reflected by its A1 global local currency rating and which includes all relevant country risks. The Baa3 bond rating is the result of joint probabilities of default that are contained in the Baa3 foreign currency country ceiling for Brazil and in the A1 local currency rating of Banco Itau.

Banco Itau S.A. is headquartered in São Paulo, Brazil and had R\$226 billion in assets as of September 2008.

Moody's last rating action on Banco Itau S.A was on November 3, 2008, when Moody's affirmed its ratings following its announced merger with União de Bancos Brasileiros S.A.

The principal methodologies used in rating Brazilian banks were "Bank Financial Strength Ratings: Global Methodology" and "Incorporation of Joint-Default Analysis into Moody's Bank Ratings: A Refined Methodology," which can be found at www.moodys.com in the Credit Policy & Methodologies directory, in the Ratings Methodologies subdirectory. Other methodologies and factors that may have been considered in the rating process can also be found in the Credit Policy & Methodologies directory.

The following rating was affirmed:

Banco Itau S.A. (Cayman Islands): Baa3 long-term foreign-currency debt rating, with a stable outlook.

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