

Announcement: FS Funding A/S

Moody's Affirms B2 Corporate family rating of FS Funding A/S; Outlook Stable

Approximately EUR1.3 billion of rated securities affected

London, 10 May 2007 -- Moody's today affirmed the B2 corporate family rating of FS Funding A/S ("FS Funding" or "the company"), the holding company of ISS A/S. Moody's concurrently affirmed the Caa1 rating on the EUR850 million Senior Subordinated Floating Rate Notes due 2016 and on the EUR454 million Senior Subordinated Notes due 2016 issued by the same entity. The outlook on all ratings remains stable.

The ratings affirmation follows the company's announcement of its intention to refinance a portion of the Group's existing debt and to raise new funding for future acquisitions. The proposed refinancing is expected to include approximately EUR1,140 million of add on to Term Loan Facilities B (ca. DKK 8,500) and a EUR600 million Second Lien Facility (ca. DKK4,473).

The proceeds are expected to be used primarily to refinance the company's drawn Acquisition Facilities in an amount of up to EUR 500 million, to prepay some or all of the Senior Subordinated Floating Rate Notes due 2016, and to refinance up to 70% of the EMTNs due 2014. The company does not intend to pay any dividends to its shareholders in connection with the refinancing.

The affirmation of the B2 corporate family rating reflects (i) the company's global presence and leadership in the facility services industry, further strengthened by the most recent acquisitions; (ii) the broad range of services the company is able to offer (from cleaning, property and office support to catering and security services), which increases the opportunity of cost synergies, cross selling and bundling; (iii) low customer concentration, which combined with the company's global penetration reduces the impact of market volatility on operating margins; (iv) the company's stable margins and high cash conversion ratios, thanks to relatively low capex requirements and good control over working capital.

However, the ratings also reflect (i) the company's highly leveraged capital structure and rising nominal debt, with a Debt/EBITDA ratio still at 7.5x at the end of 2006; (ii) the low barriers to entry and fragmentation of the facility services market, which increase the competitive pressures on the company; (iii) ongoing integration risk linked to the company's strategy of growing through acquisitions, especially as targets become larger; (iv) the risk represented by the increasing use of fixed fee contracts in the industry and the potentially negative impact on margins resulting from them, partly mitigated by the company's relatively flexible cost base.

While the transaction is not expected to significantly impact the company's credit metrics, it nonetheless increases its capacity to draw on additional debt and weakens FS Funding's position within the rating category.

Moody's also notes that, if the transaction is completed as announced, the level of debt ranking senior to the Subordinated Notes will increase. As a consequence, Moody's acknowledges that the refinancing might lead to a deterioration of the recovery prospects for this instrument and to a change in LGD rate from 89%-LGD5 to 94.6%-LGD6.

The rating outlook remains stable, reflecting the positive performance of the company and the success in integrating the acquired businesses shown so far, although Moody's expects that its credit metrics will remain weak for the rating category in the medium term.

ISS, based in Copenhagen, Denmark, is the fully owned subsidiary of FS Funding A/S and one of the leading facility services providers in the world. In March 2005, the company was acquired by funds advised by EQT Partners and Goldman Sachs Capital Partners. In 2006, the company reported revenues and operating profits before extraordinary items and impairment of approximately DKK55.7 billion (ca. EUR7.45 billion) and DKK3.2 billion, respectively.

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