

Fitch upgrades Paraná Banco rating to 'A+(bra)'

Curitiba, July 04, 2013 - Paraná Banco (BM&FBOVESPA: PRBC4/ ADR Level I: PRBAY), a private multiple bank specialized in payroll-deductible loans, loans for the middle market segment, surety bond and reinsurance, publicly informs that on July 04, international risk rating agency Fitch Ratings upgraded the Long-Term National Rating of Paraná Banco from 'A(bra)' to 'A+(bra)'. According to agency, the upgrade reflects "the bank's proven capacity to perform well, even during periods of economic deceleration like in 2012 and in the first quarter of 2013. The upgrade also takes into consideration a comfortable capitalization ratio, the good performance of payroll-deductible loans, surety bonds and reinsurance activities, and the gradual diversification of its loan portfolio to small-to-medium businesses."