

25th January 2012

Clariant International Ltd
Corporate Treasury
Hardstrasse 61
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Switzerland

Attention: Stephan Heimberg, Group Finance Manager

**Re: CLARIANT FINANCE (LUXEMBOURG) S.A. EUR 500 MILLION 5.625% SENIOR
UNSECURED NOTES DUE JANUARY 24TH 2017 GUARANTEED BY CLARIANT AG**

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Standard & Poor's". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Economic and Trade Sanctions. As of the date of this Agreement, (a) neither you nor the issuer (if you are not the issuer) or any of your or the issuer's subsidiaries, or any director or corporate officer of any of the foregoing entities, is the subject of any economic or trade sanctions or restrictive measures issued by the United Nations, United States or European Union ("Sanctions"), (b) neither you nor the issuer (if you are not the issuer) is 50% or more owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any person or entity ("parent") that is the subject of Sanctions, and (c) to the best of your knowledge, no entity 50% or more owned or controlled by a direct or indirect parent of you or the issuer (if you are not the issuer) is the subject of Sanctions. For so long as this Agreement is in effect, you will promptly notify Ratings Services if any of these circumstances change.

Ratings Services' Use of Confidential and Private Ratings. Ratings Services may use confidential and private ratings in its analysis of the debt issued by collateralized debt obligation (CDO) and other investment vehicles. Ratings Services may disclose a confidential or private rating as a confidential credit estimate or assessment to the managers of CDO and similar investment vehicles. Ratings Services may permit CDO managers to use and disseminate credit estimates or assessments on a limited basis and subject to various restrictions; however, Ratings Services cannot control any such use or dissemination.

Entire Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent you, the issuer (if you are not the issuer) or Ratings Services from acting in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Subject to the prior sentence, this Agreement, including any amendment made in accordance with the provisions hereof, constitutes the complete and entire agreement between the parties on all matters regarding the rating provided hereunder. The terms of this Agreement supersede any other terms and conditions relating to information provided to Ratings Services by you or your agents and advisors hereunder, including without limitation, terms and conditions found on, or applicable to, websites or other means through which you or your agents and advisors make such information available to Ratings Services, regardless if such terms and conditions are entered into before or after the date of this Agreement. Such terms and conditions shall be null and void as to Ratings Services.

Limitation on Damages. (a) Ratings Services does not and cannot guarantee the accuracy, completeness, or timeliness of the information relied on in connection with a rating or the results obtained from the use of such information. RATINGS SERVICES GIVES NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR SATISFACTORY QUALITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE.

(b) Except to the extent the relevant damages or other amounts are finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in a proceeding in which you and Ratings Services are parties to result from fraud, or negligence resulting in death or personal injury, of Ratings Services, Ratings Services, its affiliates or third party providers, or any of their officers, directors, shareholders, employees or agents shall not be liable to you, your affiliates, or any person asserting claims on your behalf, directly or indirectly, in respect of: (i) any decisions alleged to be made by you or any other person as a result of the issuance of the rating provided hereunder or the related analytic services provided by Ratings Services hereunder or based on anything that may be perceived as advice or recommendations; (ii) any failure by Ratings Services to comply with the provisions of any statutes, legislation, laws, rules or regulations; (iii) any negligence by Ratings Services in the provision of Ratings or related analytic services; (iv) any costs, expenses, legal fees or losses that are consequential, indirect or incidental; (v) any lost income, lost profits or opportunity costs howsoever caused (whether caused directly or indirectly); (vi) any punitive or exemplary damages; and/or (vii) to the extent not already provided for in sub-paragraphs (b)(i)-(vi) above, any other actions, damages, claims, liabilities, costs, expenses, legal fees or losses whatsoever in any way arising out of or relating to the rating or the related analytic services (in each case regardless of cause, including alleged inaccuracies, errors, or omissions) even if advised of the possibility of such damages or other amounts.

(c) Notwithstanding the above, in no event shall Ratings Services be liable in an aggregate amount in excess of seven times the aggregate fees paid to Ratings Services for the rating giving rise to the cause of action up to a maximum of US\$5,000,000.

(d) The provisions of this paragraph shall apply regardless of the form of action, damage, claim, liability, cost, expense, or loss, whether in contract, statute, tort (including, without limitation, negligence), or otherwise.

(e) The invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of any provision of this paragraph does not affect or impair the continuation in force of the remainder of this paragraph.

(f) Neither party waives any protections, privileges, or defenses it may have under law, including but not limited to, laws relating to the freedom of expression.

Termination of Agreement. This Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time upon written notice to the other party. Except where expressly limited to the term of this Agreement, these Terms and Conditions shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Agreement, or the rating when issued, is intended or should be construed as creating any rights on behalf of any third parties, including, without limitation, any recipient of the rating. No person is intended as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement or of the rating when issued. A person who is not a party to this Agreement shall have no rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Agreement.

Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding on, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their successors and assigns.

Severability. In the event that any term or provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, then the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected, impaired, or invalidated, and each such term and provision shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Amendments. This Agreement may not be amended or superseded except by a writing that specifically refers to this Agreement and is executed manually or electronically by authorized representatives of both parties.

Governing Law. This Agreement and the rating letter shall be governed by the laws of England and Wales. The parties hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.