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Intralot S.A.

Sale of stake in Gamenet improves liquidity

On 23 October, <u>Gamenet Group S.p.A</u> ("Gamenet", B1 stable) announced that <u>Intralot</u> <u>S.A.</u> ("Intralot", Caa1 negative) had signed a share purchase agreement to sale its 20% in Gamenet to Apollo Global Management ("Apollo"). Apollo is undertaking two separate purchase agreements: (i) a 20% stake in Gamenet's capital from Intralot and (ii) a 28.67% stake from Trilantic Capital Partners. The cash consideration for the total 48.67% stake amounts to €182.5 million, representing €12.5 per share and will therefore mean that Intralot will receive €75 million for its 20% stake.

This transaction is credit positive as it will improve Intralot's liquidy profile. We understand that the sale proceeds of \notin 75 million will be used to support operations, enabling the company to cover capital expenditure and working capital requirements. We expect Intralot's cash position, which had declined to \notin 128 million in June 2019 from \notin 195 million at the same time last year, to return to December 2018 levels of \notin 163 million.

However, Intralot's liquidity remains constrained. We expect the company's free cash flow to be negative in 2019 and 2020 despite a guidance for significantly lower capital expenditure and working capital requirements than in 2018, due to the important decline in EBITDA. Liquidity is also constrained because the company has currently no access to revolving credit facilities in Europe due to covenant threshold. However, we understand that Intralot has access to a \$20 million credit line in the United States, recently increased to \$40 million.

We do not currently anticipate upward pressure on Intralot's ratings following the proposed sale of its 20% stake in Gamenet because there are still some concerns regarding the company's liquidity over the longer-term, including greater headroom under covenant in view of EBITDA pressure. We also need to have greater clarity on potential contract wins and how earnings and cash flow will develop.

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