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Rating Action: Moody's downgrades Intralot SA to Caa2 from Caa1 CFR; outlook negative

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Paris, March 09, 2020 -- Moody's Investors Service, ("Moody's") has today downgraded Intralot S.A.'s ("Intralot") corporate family rating ("CFR") to Caa2 from Caa1. Concurrently, Moody's has downgraded Intralot's probability of default rating ("PDR") to Caa2-PD from Caa1-PD, and to Caa2 from Caa1 the rating of the EUR250 million Senior Notes due 2021 and EUR500 million Senior Notes due 2024, issued by Intralot Capital Luxembourg S.A.. The outlook for both entities remains negative.

"Today's rating action reflects Moody's view that the continued deterioration in earnings in 2019 increases the likelihood of a distressed exchange and potential losses to creditors", says Florent Egonneau, Associate Vice President and Moody's lead analyst for Intralot. "

RATINGS RATIONALE

On February 24th, 2020, Intralot announced that the Bulgarian government passed legislation to nationalize all lottery-type games. As a result, Eurobet Ltd, Intralot's gaming partnership, will have three out of its six licenses terminated with immediate effect, representing a EUR6 million loss to consolidated annual EBITDA. Furthermore, EuroFootball Ltd, Intralot's other partnership focused on sports betting, could also be at risk if the government decides to extend the scope of the new law or unfavorably change the regulation in this segment.

In parallel, the Bulgarian government is reclaiming approximately EUR200 million of retrospective fees from those two subsidiaries, which the company will appeal. Overall, Bulgaria represented 27% of consolidated EBITDA in the last twelve months ending September 2019. Therefore, Moody's expects that free cash flow will be impacted by the lower contribution from those partnerships.

These negative developments follow the company's second profit warning of the year, announced in the third quarter, when the company reduced its FY19 Proportionate EBITDA guidance to EUR65 million compared with EUR77 million reported in 2018. Furthermore, the outlook remains uncertain in other jurisdictions, including the run-rate profitability of the company's US division, the main contributor to profit going forward. This weaker earnings outlook will put further pressure on the sustainability of the capital structure.

LIQUIDITY

Moody's believes that Intralot's liquidity is weak due to the maturity of its EUR250 million bonds in September 2021 and our expectation that free cash flow will remain negative in 2020. This is despite the successful completion of its non-core asset disposal program bolstered Intralot's cash position by EUR105 million, of which EUR78 million received in December 2019 from the sale of its stake in Gamenet Group S.p.A.. As of September 2019, the company reported EUR85 million of non-restricted cash on its balance sheet. The company also has access to a revolving credit facility ("RCF") of USD40 million through its Intralot Inc. subsidiary, of which USD13 million was drawn as of September 2019.

STRUCTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

The EUR250 million Senior Notes due 2021 and EUR500 million 5.250% Senior notes due 2024 rank pari passu and are rated Caa2, in line with the CFR due to a very limited amount of bank debt ranking ahead in the structure.

RATING OUTLOOK

The negative outlook reflects the continued negative trend in earnings and cash flows, which puts further pressure on the sustainability of the capital structure.

WHAT COULD CHANGE THE RATINGS UP/DOWN

Upward pressure on the ratings is unlikely in the short term given the negative outlook, but could materialize if the company is able to achieve a sustainable reversal in the decline in EBITDA through contract wins and/or

cost savings combined with positive free cash flow.

Negative pressure could arise if prospects for a recovery in the company's earnings do not emerge or the company's liquidity deteriorates, resulting in further pressure on the capital structure.

PRINCIPAL MEHODOLOGY

The principal methodology used in these ratings was Gaming Industry published in December 2017. Please see the Rating Methodologies page on www.moodys.com for a copy of this methodology.

COMPANY PROFILE

Headquartered in Athens, Intralot, is a global supplier of integrated gaming systems and services. The company designs, develops, operates and supports customized software and hardware for the gaming industry and provide technology and services to state and state licensed lottery and gaming organizations worldwide. It operates a diversified portfolio across 47 jurisdictions and is listed on the Athens stock exchange.

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