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A.M. Best Affirms Credit Ratings of Principal Financial Group, Inc. and Its Subsidiaries

Ratings Supplement

The FSR of A+ (Superior) and the Long-Term ICRs of "aa-" have been affirmed with a stable outlook for

Principal Life Insurance Company and Principal National Life Insurance Company.

The Long-Term ICRs of "a-" have been affirmed with a stable outlook for both Principal Financial

Group, Inc. and Principal Financial Services, Inc.

The following Long-Term IRs have been affirmed with a stable outlook:

Principal Financial Group, Inc.-

-- "a-" on \$300 million 3.30% senior unsecured notes, due 2022
-- "a-" on \$300 million 3.125% senior unsecured notes, due 2023
-- "a-" on \$400 million 3.40% senior unsecured notes, due 2025
-- "a-" on \$600 million 6.05% senior unsecured notes, due 2036
-- "a-" on \$300 million 4.625% senior unsecured notes, due 2042
-- "a-" on \$300 million 4.35% senior unsecured notes, due 2043
-- "a-" on \$300 million 3.10% senior unsecured notes, due 2026
-- "a-" on \$300 million 4.30% senior unsecured notes, due 2046
-- "bbb+" on \$400 million 4.70% junior subordinated notes, due 2055

Principal Life Global Funding I—"aa-" program rating -- "aa-" on all outstanding notes issued under the program

Principal Life Global Funding II—"aa-" program rating -- "aa-" on all outstanding notes issued under the program

Principal Financial Global Funding, LLC—"aa-" program rating -- "aa-" on all outstanding notes issued under the program

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Principal Financial Global Funding II, LLC—"aa-" program rating -- "aa-" on all outstanding notes issued under the program

Principal Life Income Fundings Trusts—"aa-" program rating -- "aa-" on all outstanding notes issued under the program

The following Short-Term IRs have been affirmed:

Principal Financial Services, Inc.— -- AMB-1 commercial paper rating

Principal Life Insurance Company— -- AMB-1+ commercial paper rating

The following indicative Long-Terms IRs on securities available under universal shelf registration have

been affirmed with a stable outlook:

Principal Financial Group, Inc.—

-- "a-" on senior unsecured debt

- -- "bbb+" on subordinated debt
- -- "bbb" on preferred stock

Principal Capital I, II and III—

-- "bbb" on preferred securities

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