

Fitch Takes Rating Actions on Ukrainian Corporates

Fitch Ratings-London/Moscow-17 October 2008: Fitch Ratings has today downgraded two Ukrainian companies' foreign currency ratings, revised the foreign currency Outlook on three others and affirmed the ratings of six companies following today's Sovereign downgrade of the Ukraine to 'B+' / Negative Outlook, and in view of current and/or prospective liquidity constraints facing these companies. A full list of ratings follows.

Interpipe Limited (Interpipe)

LT FC IDR: affirmed at 'B+'. The Outlook is revised to Negative from Stable. This rating's outlook is constrained by the Ukrainian sovereign rating's outlook.

FC Senior Unsecured: affirmed at 'B+' with a Recovery Rating of 'RR4'

ST FC IDR: affirmed at 'B'

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