

# GCR

## RATINGS

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POLICY ON SOLICITED AND  
UNSOLICITED CREDIT RATINGS

## INTRODUCTION

In providing clarity on GCR's policy regarding solicited and unsolicited credit ratings, GCR shall disclose its considerations in order to understand the parameters related to solicited and unsolicited credit ratings. The solicitation status and participation status of a credit rating shall be disclosed by GCR in the publication or limited dissemination of its credit ratings, as the case may be.

\*Within the jurisdiction of Nigeria unsolicited credit ratings are currently not undertaken.

## SOLICITATION STATUS

### *Solicited and Unsolicited*

The solicitation status in relation to the assignment of a credit rating is characterised by the presence or absence of an express, implicit, alternatively tacit agreement entered into with GCR either orally or in writing, in terms of which GCR may expect to receive compensation for the credit rating services it provides.

### **Solicited Credit Rating:**

Is a credit rating wherein the credit rating services provided by GCR are expressly, implicitly, alternatively tacitly agreed to orally or in writing, for which services GCR may receive or expect to receive compensation.

### **Unsolicited Credit Rating:**

Is a credit rating wherein the credit rating services provided by GCR are not expressly, implicitly, alternatively tacitly agreed to, for which services GCR does not expect to receive compensation.

## PARTICIPATION STATUS

### *Level of active engagement from the rated entity -*

The participation status of an assigned credit rating relates to the engagement GCR analytical staff have with the rated entity, issuer or arranger during the credit rating process in relation to information inputs into the assignment of the credit rating. Notwithstanding the above, in some cases, solicited credit ratings may be assigned even though the rated entity, issuer or arranger does not to participate in the credit rating process.

A GCR solicited or unsolicited credit rating assigned or maintained by GCR on a non-participatory basis shall carry an additional disclosure regarding the non-participation status.

GCR may, at its sole discretion, attempt to engage with the rated entity, issuer or arranger irrespective of the unsolicited status of the credit rating. If there was management participation by the rated entity, issuer or arranger then GCR will disclose the participation status.

## **SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS FOR UNSOLICITED CREDIT RATINGS**

As the sole author and publisher of credit related opinions, GCR reserves the right at any time to issue unsolicited credit ratings if it believes that there is a meaningful credit market or investor interest served by the undertaking of such a credit rating, or because such a credit rating has a material bearing on another credit rating (often in structured finance transactions).