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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morningstar Credit Ratings, LLC Affirms 'MOR CS1' Commercial Mortgage Primary Servicer Ranking and 'MOR CS2' Commercial Mortgage Master Servicer Ranking for Prudential Asset Resources, Inc.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12, 2014—Morningstar Credit Ratings, LLC today affirmed its 'MOR CS1' commercial mortgage primary servicer ranking and 'MOR CS2' commercial mortgage master servicer ranking for Prudential Asset Resources, Inc. (PAR), a subsidiary business unit of Prudential Mortgage Capital Company. The affirmed commercial mortgage primary and master servicer rankings are based on the following factors:

## Primary Servicing:

- Diligent portfolio management: Morningstar believes that PAR has maintained a solid track record
  of providing high-quality asset administration, portfolio management, and reporting for
  commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) and other investor clients. The primary servicer
  ranking acknowledges PAR's proactive credit monitoring capabilities and its thorough insurance
  monitoring practices.
- Effective technology: PAR's technology applications provide the automation, centralized data management, and operating efficiency to accommodate a diverse and large servicing portfolio. The company now uses the latest version of the McCracken Strategy servicing system for the entire portfolio. The company's integrated asset management and reporting application, LoanConnect, provides effective workflow management, including the tracking of loan covenants, trigger events, and borrower requests. The application has the functionality to address CMBS and other investor reporting requirements. PAR also maintains sound data security and disaster preparedness protocols.

- Cohesive organizational structure and strong professional depth: PAR demonstrates operational
  stability based on its experienced staff, low employee turnover rates, and average manager
  tenure of nearly 10 years. Morningstar believes that PAR has a logically designed organizational
  structure to address all core functions and servicing requirements.
- Formalized and comprehensive training function: Morningstar believes that PAR has a thorough training function for its professional staff.
- Controlled and integrated use of offshore personnel: In Morningstar's view, PAR maintains a
  controlled and effective approach to using personnel in its Ireland-based affiliate and other
  outsourced personnel to assist with some servicing processes.
- Robust internal audit function and quality-control practices: PAR has a comprehensive and independent risk-based internal audit function that examines a range of loan administration and portfolio management processes. The audit regimen includes examinations by the parent insurance company, an annual Regulation AB attestation, and a formalized performance metrics and compliance monitoring program. Recently completed audit reports through 2013 contained no material operational exceptions or any items classified as a moderate or high risk.

## Master Servicing:

- Sound practices and compliance capabilities for CMBS reporting: Morningstar believes that PAR has the capacity as a master servicer to meet its ongoing advancing responsibilities based on the company's representations regarding its financial resources. Additionally, PAR has solid experience, sound controls, and a successful performance history as a CMBS master servicer with respect to accurate and timely trustee remitting and reporting; payment advancing determination procedures; and pooling and servicing agreement compliance. Since 2013, the servicer had a few late remittance or reporting occurrences mainly involving non-CMBS transactions. Morningstar views these cases as minor in nature.
- Retention of effective subservicer oversight procedures: As a strategic move in recent years, PAR has not pursued CMBS mortgage servicing rights or new CMBS assignments requiring or involving external subservicers. As a result, PAR no longer has any CMBS loans with subservicers. Nevertheless, Morningstar believes that PAR remains positioned with the requisite resources, procedures, and expertise to provide proactive CMBS subservicer compliance oversight should its business strategy and opportunities change. Additionally, PAR does oversee a number of local banks that report to PAR as subservicers, including one mortgage banking firm subservicing some

presecuritized loans, which is a new relationship in 2014; together, these local banks handle more than 500 non-CMBS loans.

As of June 30, 2014, PAR's primary and master serviced portfolio comprised 5,105 loans with an aggregate unpaid principal balance (UPB) of approximately \$76.75 billion. PAR served in a combined role as a primary and master servicer for 25 CMBS transactions containing 592 loans with an aggregate UPB of \$6.46 billion. PAR also served as a primary servicer for 24 other CMBS transactions and 31 Freddie Mac securitizations; collectively, these 55 transactions contained 237 loans with a total UPB of \$3.61 billion.

The forecast for both rankings is Stable. Morningstar expects PAR to continue serving as an effective servicer for its CMBS and other clients and expects the primary and master servicer rankings to remain unchanged during the next 12 months.

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