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March 7, 2014

Mr. Ed Sturdivant  
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Dear Mr. Sturdivant :

We wish to inform you that on February 28, 2014, Moody's Investors Service reviewed and assigned a rating of

- Aa1 to FORT BEND (COUNTY OF) TX, Unlimited Tax Road Refunding Bonds, Series 2014

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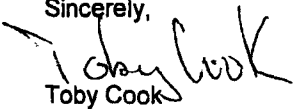
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Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me or the analyst assigned to this transaction, James Hobbs at 214-979-6844.

Sincerely,

  
Toby Cook  
VP-Senior Analyst/Manager

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March 3, 2014

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Dear Mr. Sturdivant:

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We are pleased to have had the opportunity to be of service to you. If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact us at any time.

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## Notice of Rating Action

<u>Bond Description</u>	<u>Rating Type</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Outlook/ Watch</u>	<u>Eff Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Fort Bend County (TX) unlt'd tax road rfdg bonds ser 2014	Long Term	New Rating	AA+	RO:Sta	28-Feb- 2014	
Key: RO: Rating Outlook, RW: Rating Watch; Pos: Positive, Neg: Negative, Sta: Stable, Evo: Evolving						