# **Best's Rating Evaluation Service (RES)**

# Best's Rating Evaluation Service (RES) provides currently rated (re)insurance companies an advance opinion regarding the rating impact of major corporate activity and/or changes.

#### What does the service offer?

RES provides feedback on the likely impact on a company's existing ratings of one or more hypothetical scenarios, such as:

- · Mergers and acquisitions
- · Significant asset divestitures and/or other restructuring of the company's invested asset portfolio
- · Entering or exiting a major line of business
- Stock buy-backs
- · Significant capital restructuring
- · Creation of a new holding company or operating affiliate

# What are the benefits of the service?

Best's Rating Evaluation Service benefits companies that are considering strategic or financial initiatives that could impact their rating.

#### Companies benefit from:

- An indicative rating outcome for each hypothetical scenario
- · An understanding of the rating impact of the planned strategic initiatives and underlying assumptions
- · Feedback regarding the primary factors influencing the opinion

# What is the process for obtaining the service?

The AM Best lead rating analyst assigned to the company will request the scenarios for evaluation, including supporting financial information and data.

# What will AM Best provide to the company as part of the service?

After the analysis is complete, AM Best will provide a confidential Rating Evaluation letter, detailing our opinion of the potential impact of the hypothetical scenarios presented on the company's rating.

# How long will the process take?

Since these requests can be time-critical, we can negotiate a timeframe that considers the company's requirements and our ability to respond based on the complexity of the analysis.

#### What will the service cost?

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