

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

August 30, 2012

<u>Via E-Mail</u> Raymond W. McDaniel, Jr. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Moody's Corporation 7 World Trade Center at 250 Greenwich Street New York, New York 10007

> Re: Moody's Corporation Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 Filed February 27, 2012 File No. 001-14037

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings to be certain that the filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kathleen Krebs, for

Larry Spirgel Assistant Director