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A.M. Best Comments on Credit Ratings of Quálitas Compañia de Seguros S.A. de C.V. Following Acquisition Announcement in Peru

MEXICO CITY, October 26, 2018—**A.M. Best** has commented that the Financial Strength Rating of B+ (Good), the Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating of "bbb-", and the Mexico National Scale Rating of "aa-.MX" of Quálitas Compañia de Seguros S.A. de C.V. (Quálitas) (Mexico City, Mexico) remain unchanged following the announcement that its ultimate parent, Quálitas Controladora S.A.B. de C.V., had entered into an agreement to acquire an insurance company in Peru. The outlook of these Credit Ratings (rating) remains stable.

An acquisition agreement materialized following the company's Board of Management authorization on Oct. 18, 2018. The transaction is subject to regulatory approval in Peru. The planned acquisition does not alter A.M. Best's view of the company's ratings, as its impact is expected to be negligible given the limited materiality of the transaction in terms of premiums and capital within Quálitas' operations.

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