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August 17, 2015

County of Monterey  
168 West Alisal, 3rd Floor  
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Attention: Mr. Ron Holly, Chief Deputy Auditor-Controller

Re: *US\$47,190,000 Monterey County Public Improvement Corporation, (Monterey County), California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2015, dated: Date of delivery, due: October 01, 2046*

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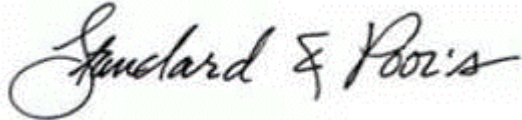
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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Standard & Poor's". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The text is centered horizontally and is set against a light green rectangular background.

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cc: Mr. Ahmad Thomas  
Mr. Ron L. Holly



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August 7, 2015

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Jeff Schaub  
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Monterey County (CA) (Public Facilities Financing) COPs ser 2015	Long Term	New Rating	AA-	RO:Sta	06-Aug- 2015	

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Key: RO: Rating Outlook, RW: Rating Watch; Pos: Positive, Neg: Negative, Sta: Stable, Evo: Evolving

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