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J Paul Getty Trust, CA Bonds Rated 'A-1+'

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NEW YORK (Standard & Poor's) April 30, 2002--Standard & Poor's said today it assigned its 'A-1'-plus rating to the California Statewide Communities Development Authority's \$225 million in tax-exempt commercial-paper notes, series 2002, issued for the J. Paul Getty Trust.

Standard & Poor's also said it affirmed its triple-'A' rating on the outstanding debt issued for the trust.

The triple-'A' rating reflects the trust's large unrestricted endowment, low levels of debt heretofore, and significant expenditure flexibility. The 'A-1'-plus rating reflects the trust's long-term credit rating and unsecured general obligation to make payments under the loan agreement.

"It is expected that any future debt will be commensurate with continued growth of the trust's assets, and that the trust's financial resources will continue to provide it with overwhelming coverage of current expenses and liabilities," said credit analyst Mary Peloquin-Dodd.

The notes are being issued to finance the renovation, construction, furnishing, and equipping of museums owned and operated by the trust in Los Angeles, Calif. Initially, payment of the notes will not be supported by any third-party credit or liquidity facility, although the trust may decide to provide a facility in the future. Rather, the trust has structured its investment portfolio in such a way that liquidity is expected to be available as necessary under the issuing agreement. On Dec. 31, 2001, the trust identified four key investment sources that provided same-day liquidity of \$529 million. The four sources are U.S. Treasury notes and bills, U.S. Treasury bonds, triple-'A' rated U.S. government agencies, and a \$225 million State Street prime money-market fund. The notes will bear interest at an annual rate and will mature in less than 270 days after the issuance. The Getty trustees have authorized up to \$275 million in long-term tax-exempt borrowing--some of which could be used to refinance the commercial paper--for the Getty Villa project. The trustees have authorized up to \$225 million for the commercial-paper program. There are no plans to borrow more than the \$275 million authorized by the trustees.

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