From:

McDaniel, Raymond

Sent:

Friday, July 13, 2007 1:32 PM (GMT)

To:

Almeida, Mark

Subject:

RE: Fortis / Subprime / Needs Immediate Attention

Maybe I should visit and have a high level chat to hear what's on their mind?

----Original Message-

From: Almeida, Mark

Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2007 3:35 PM

To: McDaniel, Raymond

Subject: FW: Fortis / Subprime / Needs Immediate Attention

Importance: High

Not so good.

----Original Message----

From: Tulenko, Stephen

Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2007 3:24 PM

To: Clarkson, Brian; Almelda, Mark; Adler, Michelle

Cc: McKenna, Mark; Lovatt, Mary

Subject: PW: Fortis / Subprime / Needs Immediate Attention

Importance: High

Some feedback here that you need to see right away.

Michelle and I will get a little more info and come back to you. Wanted to put this on your radar screens right away.

----Original Message----

From: Lovatt, Mary

Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2007 3:15.PM

To: McKenna, Mark; Tulenko, Stephen; Adier, Michelle; Brennan, Mary Elizabeth; Little, David

Cc: Slicklein, Kelly; Schwarz, Jason; Levy, James; Garcia, Afonso; Zita, Tomas (Tom); Mazzola, James; Humphrey, Shawn; Gross, Gary

Subject:

Fortis / Subprime / Needs Immediate Attention

Importance: High

All -

I just got off a tough call with Maryam Muessel from Fortis Investments. She's the Chief Investment Officer of Global CDOs. She requested to speak to someone **very senior**, **very quickly**. She and other investors (blackrock is one of the names she mentioned) have formed a steering group to try to get the rating agencies to listen to the needs of investors. She is extremely frustrated. Had a few choice words for me, here's a recap:

"if you can't figure out the loss ahead of the fact, what's the use of using your ratings?"
"you have legitimized these things" referring to subprime & abs cdos and "leading people into dangerous risk."
"if the ratings are b.s., the only use in ratings is comparing b.s. relative to more b.s."
"luckily I avoided Moody's ratings, didn't buy into your ratings, but 91 sucker managers did and were punished yesterday."

I helped her get the materials from this mornings call. She was unable to listen because of the Windows Media Player - issue and wants a telephone number for replay, rather than going through the web. Asked if our technology group could help out.

She appreciated that we were proactively calling to ask for feedback and said she would call me back if she was unable to get the documents *l* replay to work. She said that her group came to Moody's last fall to discuss our rating methodology and she believes we're missing the layered risks. I told her we would get someone senior to listen to her concerns.

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Contact information (her home phone was listed on the spreadsheet): Maryam Muessel

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