

## Euro hits 1 year low against Yen

The euro tumbled to a one-year low against the yen on Thursday, hurt by persistent worries about Greece's fiscal woes. Worries about a possible downgrade of Greece weighed, with Standard and Poor's stating on Wednesday it may cut Greece's BBB+ rating by one or two notches within a month. But the euro's slide was driven mostly by flows. Selling of the euro against the yen by Japanese exporters provided the initial trigger for the fall.

Globally the yen rallied, also taking sterling to an 11-month low against the low-yielding Japanese currency. That fall also helped push the pound down to a nine-month low versus the dollar. The Euro, Sterling, Australian and New Zealand Dollar all shed approximately one percent against the yen.

Please see the graph below showing WM/Reuters EURJPY 1am GMT spot rate falling to a one year low of 121.7947 from a high of 138.19805 on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

WM/Reuters EURJPY 0100 GMT spot mid rate 25/2/09 - 25/2/10

