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CARE ASSIGNS 'CARE A (SO)' RATING TO BANK FACILITIES OF AXIS WIND FARMS (MPR DAM) PRIVATE LIMITED

Ratings

Facilities		Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Remarks
Long-term Facilities^	Bank	652.50	CARE A (SO) [Single A (Structured Obligation)]	Assigned
Total Facilities		652.50 (Rupees Six Hundred Fifty Two crore and Fifty lakh only)		

ABacked by unconditional and irrevocable corporate guarantee of Greenko Energies Private Limited (GEPL; rated 'CARE A'). However, Lenders may consider release of Corporate Guarantee after meeting the following conditions

- a. Satisfactory performance of 2 years after the Commercial Operations Date (COD)
- b. Execution of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Southern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APSPDCL) for entire capacity of the project at a preferential tariff of Rs.4.83 per unit or higher
- c. Borrower maintaining minimum credit rating of BBB on a standalone basis
- d. The borrower achieving and maintaining minimum DSCR and average DSCR as per the terms of base case plan
- e. Creation and perfection of security interest on the security as per the terms of rupee term loan agreement and other finance documents.

Rating Rationale

The rating assigned to the bank facility of Axis Wind Farms (MPR Dam) Private Limited (AWFPL) takes into account the credit enhancement in the form of unconditional and irrevocable corporate guarantee extended by Greenko Energies Private Limited (GEPL; rated 'CARE A').

The rating assigned to the bank facility of Greenko Energies Private Limited takes into account change in parentage at its ultimate holding company level with majority of stake being held by Cambourne Investment Pte. Limited (an affiliate of Government of Singapore Investment Corporation), infusion of equity by the promoters, group's significant increase in operational capacity resulting in considerable increase in the generation of power which translated in improvement in the total operating income during FY15 (refers to the period April 1 to March 31) at consolidated level.

The rating continues to derive strength from the experience of the promoters, established track record of the group in owning and operating diversified portfolio of renewable energy assets, strong ability of the group to access international debt market and economic benefits thereof, experience in executing large scale renewable energy projects, moderate capital structure, availability of the long-term off-take arrangement for most of the operating and under construction projects and positive long-term demand outlook for the power sector.

The rating is, however, constrained by decline in profit margins in FY15, project implementation risk related to various under construction projects and large debt-funded capex.

Timely execution of the existing construction phase projects without any cost/time overrun, timely realization of the receivables from Discoms along with improvement in financial risk profile will be the key rating sensitivities.

Background

Incorporated in August 2011, AWFPL is a step-down subsidiary of Greenko Energies Private Limited (GEPL, rated 'CARE A'). The company is promoted by Greenko Group for setting up a 100MW (2*50MW) wind power project in Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh. The project comprises 50 Wind Turbine Generators (WTG) of Gamesa Model-G114 (2 MW each). Total project cost is estimated to be Rs.870 crore (Rs.8.70 crore per MW), which is being financed in Debt Equity

¹ Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at www.careratings.com and other CARE publications

Brief Rationale



Ratio of 75:25 with debt of Rs.652.50 crore and equity of Rs.217.50 crore. Project is currently under the implementation phase and Commercial Operations Date (COD) is envisaged by March 2017. AWFPL entered into fixed price, fixed-time equipment supply and erection contract with Gamesa Wind Turbines Private Limited (GWTPL). AWFPL entered into Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Southern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APSPDCL) on July 20 2016 for a period of 25 years from COD at a tariff of Rs.4.84/unit.

As on August 31, 2016, AWFPL incurred total cost of Rs.300.10 crore (35% of the total project cost of Rs.652.50 crore) which has been funded by the promoters contribution of Rs.129.70 crore (60% of the total promoter contribution) and debt of Rs.170.40 crore.

About the Guarantor (Greenko Energies Pvt. Ltd.)

Greenko Group was founded in 2006 by Mr Anil Kumar Chalamalasetty and Mr Mahesh Kolli. Greenko Energies Private Limited (GEPL) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Greenko Mauritius Ltd. (Greenko Mauritius) which in turn is a subsidiary of Greenko Energy Holdings (GEH). GEH, the ultimate holding company of the Group. Cambourne Investment Pte. Limited (an affiliate of Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GIC)) and Greenko Ventures Limited (a company in which the founders have beneficial interest) hold equity stake of 84% and 16%, respectively, as on December 31, 2015. Greenko group owns and operates renewable energy plants in India through GEPL. GEPL is the holding and funding arm for all the projects under various subsidiary companies; and also has two 6 MW operating biomass power plants in India. Greenko group is one of the leading operators of clean energy projects in India. The group has diversified portfolio of wind, run-of river hydropower, biomass and Low Sulphur Heavy Stock (LSHS) assets. As on January 31, 2016, the group has 36 operational power projects housed under various SPVs with an aggregate capacity of 952.05 MW (as compared with 715 MW as on September 30, 2014). Of these 10 are wind power projects, 19 are hydro power projects, while 7 being biomass which is inclusive of 1 LSHS-based power projects. The group has 1014 MW projects under construction out of which 740 MW are wind projects and 274.10 MW being hydro power projects.

In FY15, GEPL at consolidated level has PBILDT of Rs.516.08 crore on a total operating income of Rs.725.21 crore. GEPL incurred net loss of Rs.66.08 crore in FY15.

During 9MFY16 (Prov.), GEPL at consolidated level registered PBILDT of Rs.649.44 crore and PAT of Rs.95.04 crore on a total operating income of Rs.788.44 crore.

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