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CARE REAFFIRMS THE RATINGS ASSIGNED TO THE BANK FACILITIES OF ADANI POWER LTD.

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Remarks
Long-term Bank Facilities	7,830.30 (enhanced from 4,830.30)	CARE BBB- (Triple B Minus)	Reaffirmed
Long-term / Short-term Bank Facilities	5,079.60	CARE BBB- / CARE A3 (Triple B Minus / A Three)	Reaffirmed
Total Facilities	12,909.90 (Rupees Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Nine Crore and Ninety Lacs only)		

Rating Rationale

The ratings continue to draw strength from Adani Power Ltd's (APL) strong parentage being part of the Adani group, financial support from the promoter group by way of infusion of equity/unsecured loans, group's diversified presence in various sectors predominantly in energy businesses, substantially large power generation capacity in operation, long-term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) in place for off-take of majority of power, availability of adequate transmission infrastructure and softening of imported coal prices.

The ratings, however, continue to remain constrained on account of substantial delay in resolution of APL's dispute related to compensatory tariff (CT) with its power off-takers than what was previously envisaged which has led to substantial under-recovery of its power generation cost in the backdrop of its largely fixed rate tariff PPAs which has adversely impacted its liquidity, with significant build-up of CT receivables on its books. The rating also continue to remain constrained by inordinate delay in refinancing of its outstanding External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) than what was previously envisaged and consequent adverse impact on its debt coverage indicators in light of substantial installment obligations falling due in near term, entailing significant financial support from the promoters for timely debt servicing. It is, however, noted that APL has made reasonable progress in its refinancing efforts, which is expected to be concluded shortly. The ratings also remain constrained by APL's exposure to fuel price risk, susceptibility to foreign exchange rate fluctuations, high leverage and risk associated with its aggressive expansion plans.

The ultimate determination of quantum of CT in APL's fixed price PPAs along with its receipt, improvement in domestic coal supplies under Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA), improvement in merchant power tariff rates, quantum of dividend & interest income from its subsidiaries, improvement in its profitability and leverage along with need based financial support from the promoter group are the key rating sensitivities.

Background

APL is a part of Gujarat based Adani group. Previously APL was a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL). However, subsequent to the group restructuring amongst various Adani group entities in March 2015, controlling stake in APL has been transferred from AEL to the promoters. APL along-with its three wholly-owned subsidiaries has total power generation capacity of 10,440 MW and it has achieved Commercial operations Date (CoD) for the entire power generation capacity [4620 MW (330 MW x 4 and 660 MW x 5) in APL at Mundra, Gujarat; 3300 MW (660 MW x 5) in Adani Power Maharashtra Ltd. (APML) at Tiroda, Maharashtra; 1320 MW (660 MW x 2) in Adani Power Rajasthan Ltd. (APRL) at Kawai, Rajasthan and 1200 MW (600 MW x 2) in Udupi Power Company Ltd. (UPCL). APL has taken 100% equity stake in UPCL in April 2015. Also, with the change in group's shareholding, APL has been vested with the 40 MW operational solar power project located at Kutch, Gujarat. Further, acquisition of 600 MW Korba power plant of Avantha Power &

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Infrastructure Ltd. is underway against which it has already given an advance of Rs.775 crore by March 31, 2016.

During FY16 (refers to the period from April 1 to March 31), APL (on a standalone basis) had a total operating income of Rs.12,285 crore (FY15: Rs.10,165 crore) with a PAT of Rs.6 crore (FY15: Net loss of Rs.69 crore). During FY16, APL has recognized compensatory tariff income of Rs.919 crore on standalone level. As per provisional results for Q1FY17, APL (on a standalone basis) had a total operating income of Rs.2,671 crore with a net loss of Rs.5 crore.

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