

Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Limited

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Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long-term Bank Facilities (Term Debt)	316.53	CARE D (Single D)	Reaffirmed
Long-term Bank Facilities (Fund-based and Non-Fund-based)	257.18	CARE D (Single D)	Reaffirmed
Short-term Bank Facilities	27.11	CARE D (Single D)	Reaffirmed
Total facilities	600.82 (Rupees Six Hundred crore and Eighty Two lakhs only)		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

The reaffirmation of the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Limited (DSCL) takes into account delays in servicing of debt obligations due to tight liquidity position on account of continuation of losses incurred in FY18 (refers to the period April 1 to March 31) and 9MFY19 (refers to the period April 1 to December 31).

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

Key Rating Weaknesses

Continuation of losses in FY18 and 9MFY19 with strained liquidity position resulting in delays in debt servicing

During FY18, DSCL reported net loss of Rs.85 crore on TOI of Rs. 502 cr as against a loss of Rs.17 crore on TOI of Rs.536 cr in FY17. During 9MFY19, DSCL registered net loss of Rs.113 cr on TOI of Rs.211 cr as against net loss of Rs.40 cr on TOI of Rs.421 cr during 9MFY18. The loss is mainly on account of unfavourable sugar industry scenario and high interest expense due to leveraged capital structure this has led to strained liquidity position resulting in delays in servicing of debt obligations.

Cyclical nature of Sugar Business

Cyclical nature of sugar industry results in significant impact on operating performance of sugar companies, thereby affecting their debt servicing ability. Only companies which have adequate diversification are insulated from downtrends of the industry.

Key Rating Strengths

Experience of Promoters

Promoters have more than two decades of experience in the industry. DSCL was promoted by Mr. Palani G Periyasamy. He has obtained his Masters in Economics from University of Madras in 1962, Masters in Economics from University of Pittsburgh, USA in 1969 and Doctorate in Advanced Micro/Macro Economics from the University of Pittsburgh, USA in 1972. He has also experience in hotel industry and in the field of education.

Analytical approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria

[CARE's Policy on Default Recognition](#)

[CARE's methodology for Short-term Instruments](#)

[CARE's methodology for manufacturing companies](#)

[Financial ratios – Non-Financial Sector](#)

About the Company

Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Limited (DSCL), part of the PGP group of companies based in Tamil Nadu was established in the year 1987 by Dr Palani G Periyasamy and his NRI Associates. The company is engaged in the manufacture of sugar, industrial alcohol and co-generation of power. DSCL has three sugar mills located across Tamil Nadu. These units are located in Dharani Nagar (Tirunelveli Dist.), Sankarapuram (Villupuram Dist.) and Polur (Thiruvannamalai Dist.). Aggregate capacity of the company as on March 31, 2018, was 10,000 tonnes of cane crushed per day (TCD), 160 Kilo Liter per day (KLPD) Distillery and 37 MW co-generation plant.

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

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY17 (A)	FY18 (A)
Total operating income	536	502
PBILDT	80	14
PAT	-17	-85
Overall gearing (times)	3.56	6.23
Interest coverage (times)	1.10	0.19

A: Audited

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable.

Any other information: Not Applicable.

Rating History for last three years: Please refer Annexure-2

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: CARE has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity. This classification is available at www.careratings.com. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careratings.com for any clarifications.

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Annexure-1: Details of Instruments/Facilities

Name of the Instrument	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. crore)	Rating assigned along with Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	-	-	-	244.25	CARE D
Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantees	-	-	-	7.11	CARE D
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	-	-	June 2024	316.53	CARE D
Non-fund-based - LT-Bank Guarantees	-	-	-	12.93	CARE D
Non-fund-based - ST-Letter of credit	-	-	-	20.00	CARE D

Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating history			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-2019	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-2018	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2015-2016
1.	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	244.25	CARE D	1)CARE D (30-Aug-18)	1)CARE C; Stable (14-Jul-17) 2)CARE B-; Stable (24-Apr-17)	1)CARE B- (19-Apr-16)	1)CARE D (27-Apr-15)
2.	Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantees	ST	7.11	CARE D	1)CARE D (30-Aug-18)	1)CARE A4 (14-Jul-17) 2)CARE A4 (24-Apr-17)	1)CARE A4 (19-Apr-16)	1)CARE D (27-Apr-15)
3.	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	316.53	CARE D	1)CARE D (30-Aug-18)	1)CARE D (14-Jul-17) 2)CARE B-; Stable (24-Apr-17)	1)CARE B- (19-Apr-16)	1)CARE D (27-Apr-15)
4.	Non-fund-based - LT-Bank Guarantees	LT	12.93	CARE D	1)CARE D (30-Aug-18)	1)CARE C; Stable (14-Jul-17) 2)CARE B-; Stable (24-Apr-17)	1)CARE B- (19-Apr-16)	1)CARE D (27-Apr-15)
5.	Non-fund-based - ST-Letter of credit	ST	20.00	CARE D	1)CARE D (30-Aug-18)	1)CARE A4 (14-Jul-17) 2)CARE A4 (24-Apr-17)	1)CARE A4 (19-Apr-16)	1)CARE D (27-Apr-15)

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