

Shakti Pumps India Limited

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Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Rating Action			
Long term Bank Facilities	110.25 (enhanced from Rs.101.65 crore)	CARE A-; Stable (Single A Minus; Outlook: Stable)	Reaffirmed			
Long term / Short term Bank Facilities	60.00 (enhanced from Rs.20.00 crore)	CARE A-; Stable / CARE A2+ (Single A Minus; Outlook Stable/ A Two Plus)	Reaffirmed			
Short term Bank Facilities	100.00 (enhanced from Rs.82.00 crore)	CARE A2+ (A Two Plus)	Reaffirmed			
Total Facilities	270.25 (Rs. Two hundred seventy crore and twenty five lakh only)					

Details of facilities in Annexure-1

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Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

The ratings for the bank facilities of Shakti Pumps India Limited (SPIL) continue to derive strength from its established operations in the submersible pumps and motors segment aided by its experienced promoters, strong distribution network and geographically diversified presence. The ratings also factor in the volume backed growth in SPIL's total operating income (TOI) in FY18 (FY refers to the period from April 1 to March 31) along with its healthy profitability and comfortable leverage and debt coverage indicators. The ratings also take into consideration favorable growth prospects for the solar pumps industry with government's support for increased usage of renewable energy.

The ratings, however, continue to remain constrained by SPIL's working capital intensive operations, susceptibility to volatility in raw material prices & forex rates and intense competition in the pumps manufacturing industry.

SPIL's ability to improve its capacity utilization along with growth in income from both domestic as well as export markets while maintaining its healthy profitability and comfortable leverage along with efficient management of its working capital would be the key rating sensitivities.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers **Key Rating Strengths**

Experienced promoters, established operations and strong distribution network: SPIL's management is headed by Mr Dinesh Patidar, Chairman and MD, who has an experience of more than three decades in the field of submersible pumps and motors. Considering the energy efficiency features of its pumps, Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) has granted 5-star ratings to several of its pump models. SPIL caters to the domestic market through a wide-spread distribution network consisting of over 550 dealers, over 15,000 retailers and multiple marketing branches with presence in 21 states. SPIL also has a presence in over 100 countries spread across Middle East, USA, Africa, Asia and Europe. SPIL is recognized as a 'Star Export House' by the Government of India.

Volume backed growth in total operating income (TOI) with healthy operating profitability and comfortable leverage:

During FY18, despite the decline in sales realizations by around 26% y-o-y for integrated solar pump sets (contributing 54% of the total domestic sales value), SPIL registered a marginal growth in its total operating income (TOI) on account of 34% y-o-y volume growth in sales of integrated pump sets on back of roll out of government tenders for purchase of solar pumps. Further, SPIL maintained its healthy operating profitability with a PBILDT margin of 18.18% and PAT margin of 7.77% during FY18. Furthermore, during FY18, SPIL's leverage remained comfortable marked by an overall gearing of 0.52x as on March 31, 2018. Also, owing to healthy cash accruals generated during the year, its debt coverage indicators too remained comfortable.

Favourable growth prospects with government's impetus on incremental usage of renewable energy for agriculture:

India is one of the largest regional markets for solar pumps after Middle East Asia (MEA) and China and is expected to be one off the fastest growing regions over the next few years. In order to promote the use of solar pumps among farmers,

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the government has launched Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahaabhiyan (KUSUM) scheme, under which around Rs. 50,000 crore of government assistance will be provided to incentivize farmers to run solar farm water pumps and use barren land for generating power for extra income of up to Rs.60,000 per acre every year. Furthermore, there is a huge opportunity in overseas markets post the launch of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) in November 2015, which has plans procure 500,000 solar pumps for farmers through global tender.

Key Rating Weaknesses

Working capital intensive operations: SPIL's operations are working capital intensive with investment required in both inventory and receivables. The revenue model of SPIL is both tender based as well as order based, with around 60% of its revenue contributed by sales under the tenders floated by state government agencies. As the volume, value and time of such sales cannot be predicted, SPIL maintains sufficient amount of inventory, which is also utilized to meet its distribution channel inventory requirements. Further, it needs to provide a credit period of around 90-120 days to such agencies, resulting in elongated collections. Both these factors translate into sizeable working capital requirements for the company. During FY18, SPIL's operating cycle elongated to 176 days from 152 days in FY17, primarily due to elongation in trade receivables over the last two years with higher scale of operations and a longer credit period for government supplies.

Operating profitability susceptible to volatility in raw material prices and forex rates: The primary raw materials used for the manufacturing of pumps include stainless steel and copper. The prices of these materials are inherently volatile and are driven largely by global as well as local demand and supply conditions. These raw materials account for around 70% of the total manufacturing cost of SPIL and hence any volatility in the prices of these materials may impact the profitability of the company. SPIL is a net exporter and enjoys natural hedge against the forex movement to certain extent, however, significant foreign currency volatility coupled with high un-hedged portion may adversely impact SPIL's profitability in case of unfavourable movement in currency rates.

Analytical approach: Consolidated

CARE has taken a consolidated approach for analysis of SPIL, wherein the operational and financial risk profile of SPIL's various domestic and overseas subsidiaries established for marketing, procurement and related business purposes have been considered for analysis. All the entities operate under the common brand of 'Shakti' and have a common management.

Applicable Criteria:

CARE's methodology for manufacturing companies Criteria on assigning Outlook to Credit Ratings CARE's Policy on Default Recognition Criteria for Short Term Instruments Financial ratios - Non- Financial Sector

About the Company

Shakti Pumps (India) Limited (SPIL) was originally established in 1982 as a partnership firm by Mr. Manoharlal Patidar. The firm was later converted into Public Limited Company in 1995. SPIL is engaged in manufacturing of energy efficient stainless steel submersible pumps, pump-motors, solar pumps and pressure booster pumps. Pumps manufactured by SPIL find application in irrigation, residential as well as industrial sectors. Its manufacturing facilities are located at Pithampur, Madhya Pradesh, wherein, it operates with capacity to manufacture around 500,000 pumps per annum.

Brief financials of SPIL (Consolidated) are tabulated below:

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY17 (A)	FY18 (A)
Total operating income	430.90	438.99
PBILDT	62.31	79.82
PAT	21.69	34.11
Overall gearing (times)	0.57	0.52
Interest coverage (times)	3.77	5.70

A: Audited

Further, on a consolidated basis, during Q1FY19, SPIL reported a total operating income of Rs.98.11 crore and PAT of Rs.6.64 crore, compared with a total operating income of Rs.90.76 crore and PAT of Rs.5.00 crore during Q1FY18.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: None

Any other information: Not Applicable



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

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Name of the Instrument	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. crore)	Rating assigned along with Rating Outlook
Non-fund-based-LT/ST	-	-	-	60.00	CARE A-; Stable / CARE A2+
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	-	-	-	83.75	CARE A-; Stable
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	-	-	March 2022	26.50	CARE A-; Stable
Non-fund-based - ST- Letter of credit	-	-	-	70.00	CARE A2+
Fund-based/Non-fund- based-Short Term	-	-	-	30.00	CARE A2+

Annexure-1: Details of Instruments/Facilities



Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr.	Name of the	Current Ratings			Rating history			
No.	Instrument/Bank	Туре	Amount	Rating	Date(s) &	Date(s) &	Date(s) &	Date(s) &
	Facilities		Outstanding		Rating(s)	Rating(s)	Rating(s)	Rating(s)
			(Rs. crore)		assigned in	assigned in	assigned in	assigned in
					2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016
1.	Fund-based - LT-	LT	26.50	CARE A-;	-	1)CARE A-;	1)CARE BBB+	1)CARE BBB+
	Term Loan			Stable		Stable	(25-Oct-16)	(14-Sep-15)
						(25-Sep-17)	2)CARE BBB+	2)CARE BBB+
							(07-Oct-16)	(26-May-15)
2.	Non-fund-based-	LT/ST	60.00	CARE A-;	-	1)CARE A-;	1)CARE BBB+ /	1)CARE BBB+ /
	LT/ST			Stable /		Stable /	CARE A2	CARE A2
				CARE A2+		CARE A2+	(25-Oct-16)	(14-Sep-15)
						(25-Sep-17)	2)CARE BBB+ /	2)CARE BBB+ /
							CARE A2	CARE A2
							(07-Oct-16)	(26-May-15)
3.	Fund-based - LT-	LT	83.75	CARE A-;	-	1)CARE A-;	1)CARE BBB+	1)CARE BBB+
	Cash Credit			Stable		Stable	(25-Oct-16)	(14-Sep-15)
						(25-Sep-17)	2)CARE BBB+	2)CARE BBB+
							(07-Oct-16)	(26-May-15)
4.	Non-fund-based - ST-	ST	70.00	CARE A2+	-	1)CARE A2+	1)CARE A2	1)CARE A2
	Letter of credit					(25-Sep-17)	(25-Oct-16)	(14-Sep-15)
							2)CARE A2	2)CARE A2
							(07-Oct-16)	(26-May-15)
5.	Fund-based/Non-	ST	30.00	CARE A2+	-	1)CARE A2+	1)CARE A2	1)CARE A2
	fund-based-Short					(25-Sep-17)	(25-Oct-16)	(14-Sep-15)
	Term						2)CARE A2	2)CARE A2
							(07-Oct-16)	(26-May-15)





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