

Transformers & Rectifiers (India) Ltd

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Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Rating Action
Long term Bank Facilities	10.02 (reduced from 14.41)	CARE A-; Stable (Single A Minus; Outlook: Stable)	Revised from CARE BBB+; Positive (Triple B Plus; Outlook: Positive)
Short term Bank Facilities	150.00 (enhanced from 131.00)	CARE A2 (A Two)	Revised from CARE A3+ (A Three Plus)
Long term/ Short term Bank Facilities	864.00 (enhanced from 723.00)	CARE A-; Stable/ CARE A2 (Single A Minus; Outlook: Stable/ A Two)	Revised from CARE BBB+; Positive / CARE A3+ (Triple B Plus; Outlook: Positive / A Three Plus)
Total	1024.02 (Rupees One thousand Twenty Four crore and Two lakh only)		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

The revision in the ratings of the bank facilities of Transformers and Rectifiers (India) Ltd (TRIL) takes into account significant growth in its scale of operations, better than expected profitability and improvement in its leverage during FY17 (FY refers to the period April 1 to March 31).

The ratings continue to draw strength from the established position of TRIL as one of the leading domestic transformer manufacturers, its strong technological tie-ups, moderate revenue visibility, well-established client base and favourable outlook for transformer industry.

The ratings, however, continue to be constrained on account of TRIL's working capital intensive operations and exposure to volatile raw material prices.

Ability of the company to efficiently manage its working capital while further growing its scale of operations along with improvement in profitability and capital structure shall be the key rating sensitivities. Furthermore, extent of investment in subsidiaries and JVs going forward and its funding pattern shall also be a key rating monitorable.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

Key Rating Strengths

Established track record of operations along with strong technological tie-ups: TRIL is one of the leading domestic transformer manufacturers manufacturing a wide range of transformers. TRIL has technological tie-up with Zaporozhtransformator (ZTR), Ukraine for manufacturing of 765 KV class transformers, with Fuji Electrical Co. Ltd (Fuji), Japan for manufacturing of 420 KV class transformers and upto 765 KV class shunt reactors with Jiangsu Jingke Smart Electrical Co. Ltd. for manufacturing and supply of switch gear and switch panels and with Vortech Private Limited for manufacturing and supply of transformer oil regeneration and purification plants.

Revival of operations with marked improvement in scale, profitability and leverage: TRIL's operations, after portraying a tepid performance in 9MFY16, witnessed a revival in Q4FY16 and this revival in performance continued during FY17. During FY17, TRIL achieved its highest consolidated total operating income (TOI) since inception of Rs.826.45 crore. TRIL's TOI grew by 38% y-o-y in FY17 and its production grew by 51% y-o-y over the same period. Profitability also improved as indicated by an increase of 429 bps in PBIDT margin during FY17 and sustained improvement in gross margin over eight quarters ended Q4FY17. Overall gearing improved from 0.93x as on March 31, 2016 to 0.74x as on March 31, 2017 while interest coverage improved from 1.13x during FY16 to 2.23x during FY17. Despite the marked improvement, the overall gearing and debt coverage indicators were at a moderate level.

Moderate revenue visibility and well-established client base

TRIL had an order book of Rs.962.87 crore as on May 1, 2017, to be largely executed during FY18. Furthermore, TRIL has an established client base including state and central power transmission utilities with public sector utilities comprising 27% of TRIL's FY17 sales and established private players from industrial segment comprising the balance 73% share.

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

Furthermore, TRIL exports transformers to over 15 countries such as United Kingdom, Canada, United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Australia and Nigeria.

Favourable outlook for domestic transformer industry: Transformer manufacturing industry witnessed revival during FY16 and FY17 with volume growth of around 24% in FY16 and 5% in FY17 as compared to negative 10% in FY15. Furthermore, with huge power generation capacity addition targets and expected revival in power sector and investment cycle on the back of increasing thrust of government, the demand outlook for domestic transformer industry is likely to remain positive.

Key Rating Weaknesses

Working capital intensive operations: TRIL's operations are working capital intensive, as reflected by its long working capital cycle of around 130-180 days mainly due to high inventory holding requirement for smooth execution of orders, credit period extended mainly to state utilities and longer order execution cycle due to varied product lines. Nevertheless, the same exhibited an improving trend over three years and reduced to 132 in FY17 as compared to 157 days in FY16 and 180 days in FY15. The average utilization of working capital limits was moderate at 73% for fund-based limits and 80% of non-fund based limits for 12 months ended April, 2017.

Exposure to volatile raw material prices; albeit price variation clause in majority orders: Prices of raw materials such as copper and cold rolled grain oriented (CRGO) steel, forming around 60% of the total raw material cost, are volatile due to their global linkages. However, approximately 66% of outstanding orders of TRIL have price variation clause, reducing the impact to that extent.

Analytical approach: Consolidated

TRIL is a corporate parent company with substantial business operations in the manufacturing of transformers. TRIL has four subsidiaries and each is engaged in products or services related to the manufacturing of transformers. Further, large part of the bank facilities of these subsidiaries are guaranteed by TRIL. Hence, a consolidated view of TRIL and its subsidiaries has been considered for credit assessment.

Applicable Criteria

[Criteria on assigning Outlook to Credit Ratings](#)

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

[Criteria for Short Term Instruments](#)

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About the Company

Promoted by Mr Jitendra Mamtara in 1994, TRIL is engaged in manufacturing of electrical transformers and reactors which find application in power and industrial sectors. The company is amongst the largest domestic transformer manufacturers with an aggregate installed capacity of 33,200 mega volt ampere (MVA) as on March 31, 2017 at its three units at Odhav (1,200 MVA), Changodar (12,000 MVA) and Moraiya (20,000 MVA) in Ahmedabad.

It is present in the entire range of transformers, including power transformers upto 500 MVA, 1150 KV class and distribution transformers upto 5 MVA, 33 KV class. Besides, it also manufactures induction, electric arc furnace and rectifier transformers.

As per the audited results for FY17, TRIL registered a consolidated TOI of Rs.826.45 crore with a net profit of Rs.15.86 crore, as against a TOI of Rs.599.66 crore with a net loss of Rs.6.93 crore in FY16.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: Not applicable

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

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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
Non-fund-based - ST-Letter of credit	-	-	-	150.00	CARE A2
Fund-based - LT/ ST-Cash Credit	-	-	-	178.00	CARE A-; Stable / CARE A2
Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantees	-	-	-	686.00	CARE A-; Stable / CARE A2
Term Loan-Long Term	-	-	Nov, 2018	10.02	CARE A-; Stable

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 2017-2018	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2015-2016	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2014-2015
1.	Non-fund-based - ST-Letter of credit	ST	150.00	CARE A2	-	1)CARE A3+ (31-Dec-16) 2)CARE A3+ (04-Aug-16)	1)CARE A3+ (03-Aug-15)	1)CARE A3+ (07-Jul-14)
2.	Fund-based - LT/ ST-Cash Credit	LT/ST	178.00	CARE A-; Stable / CARE A2	-	1)CARE BBB+; Positive / CARE A3+	1)CARE BBB+ / CARE A3+	1)CARE BBB+ / CARE A3+

						(31-Dec-16) 2)CARE BBB+ / CARE A3+ (04-Aug-16)	(03-Aug-15)	(07-Jul-14)
3.	Non-fund-based - LT/ ST- Bank Guarantees	LT/ST	686.00	CARE A-; Stable / CARE A2	-	1)CARE BBB+; Positive / CARE A3+ (31-Dec-16) 2)CARE BBB+ / CARE A3+ (04-Aug-16)	1)CARE BBB+ / CARE A3+ (03-Aug-15)	1)CARE BBB+ / CARE A3+ (07-Jul-14)
4.	Term Loan-Long Term	LT	10.02	CARE A-; Stable	-	1)CARE BBB+; Positive (31-Dec-16) 2)CARE BBB+ (04-Aug-16)	1)CARE BBB+ (03-Aug-15)	1)CARE BBB+ (07-Jul-14)

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