

Veer Energy & Infrastructure Limited May 02, 2017

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Rating Action
Long-term Bank Facilities	4.29	CARE BBB-; Negative (Triple B Minus; Outlook: Negative)	Reaffirmed
Short-term Bank Facilities	13.00	CARE A3 (A Three)	Reaffirmed
Total	17.29 (Rs. Seventeen Crore and Twenty Nine Lakh only)		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

The ratings assigned to the bank facilities of Veer Energy & Infrastructure Limited (VEIL) continue to derive strength from its experienced management, established track record of operations and financial risk profile characterized by moderate profit margins, comfortable capital structure and debt coverage indicators.

The ratings however continue to be constrained by VEIL's modest scale of operations with moderate order book, stretched operating cycle, customer concentration risk and regulatory risk. The reaffirmation of ratings takes into consideration the declining scale of operations and net profitability albeit improvement in operating cycle during FY16 (refers to period April 1 to March 31).

VEIL's ability to increase its revenue & profitability through diversification into different segments along with maintaining its capital structure and efficient working capital management are the key rating sensitivities.

Outlook - Negative

The outlook is 'Negative' on account of expectation of decline in operating income and net profitability as well as deterioration in liquidity position. The outlook may be revised to 'Stable' if VEIL is able to scale up its operations as envisaged and improve its financial parameters.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

Key Rating Strengths

Experienced promoters with established track record: The key promoters of VEIL, Mr. Yogesh Shah and Mr. Prakash Shah have over three decades of experience in varied business domains for financial consulting, project oriented works and land acquisitions. Further, the directors are assisted by team of qualified and experienced senior management who have been associated with VEIL for over a decade.

Comfortable capital structure and debt coverage indicators with moderate profitability: VEIL's financial profile is characterized by favourable capital structure and comfortable debt coverage indicators. During FY14-FY16, the company's capital structure has remained favourable primarily on account of minimum dependence on external borrowings for its working capital requirement. Further, on account of the same the debt coverage indicators of VEIL has remained comfortable during FY14-FY16. Further although the profitability has been fluctuating it remained at moderate level during last three years ending FY16.

Key Rating Weaknesses

Modest scale of operations: VEIL's scale of operations is modest with a TOI of Rs.49.02 crore in FY16 (vis-à-vis Rs.47.79 crore in FY15) owing to and fluctuating demand scenario resulting in low financial flexibility. Company has further witnessed a decline in scale during 9MFY17. Further ROCE remained low during the period owing to lower order execution. Nonetheless, order book remained moderate at 1.3x of TOI of FY16 imparting a moderate level of revenue visibility in the medium term.

Stretched operating cycle: VEIL identifies the wind rich sites for its wind farms and then goes for governmental approvals/clearance for the site. Subsequently, it develops a substation and transmission line connecting the main grid of government. The company goes for marketing this site post this stage hence the inventory is held for longer time with

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VEIL and remains so until it finds investors for its site. All these primary activities take around 18 months resulting in higher operating cycle.

Customer concentration and regulatory risk: Over the last 5 years, majority (around 80%) of the revenue generated by VEIL is from its wind turbine manufacturing clients who face regulatory risks with regards to generation based incentive scheme changes as well as changes to accelerated depreciation by Government thereby affecting the demand for wind farms.

Analytical Approach - Standalone

Applicable Criteria

Criteria on assigning Outlook to Credit Ratings
CARE's Policy on Default Recognition
Criteria for Short term ratings
Rating Methodology – Manufacturing Companies
Financial ratios – Non-Financial Sector

About the company

Initially incorporated as Jhantla Investments Limited in 1980 and renamed in 2006, Veer Energy & Infrastructure Limited (VEIL) is primarily engaged into power infrastructure development (windfarm developer), wind power generation and providing O&M services to wind power projects. During April, 2013, VEIL has diversified into engineering works (providing job work service especially to wind turbines generator (WTG) manufacturer, automobiles, steel, textile machinery and dye & mould industry).

During FY16, (refers to period April 01 to March 31), VEIL reported total operating income of Rs.49.02 crore (as against Rs.47.79 crore in FY15) and PAT of Rs.1.50 crore (as against Rs.1.85 crore in FY15). Further, as per 9MFY17 unaudited results, VEIL has reported total operating income of Rs.14.86 crore (vis-à-vis Rs.40.14 crore in 9MFY16) and PAT of Rs.1.01 crore (vis-à-vis Rs.1.60 crore in 9MFY16). As on March 20, 2017 the company has an outstanding order book of Rs.65.66 crore, which are expected to be executed during FY18.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Nil

Any other information: Nil

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
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	-	-	-		CARE BBB-; Negative
Non-fund-based - ST- BG/LC	-	-	-	13.00	CARE A3
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	-	-	April 2018		CARE BBB-; Negative

Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr.	Name of the	Current Ratings		Rating history				
No.	Instrument/Bank Facilities	Туре	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
	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	Т	3.00	CARE BBB-; Negative		1)CARE BBB- (13-Apr-16)	1)CARE BBB- (10-Apr-15)	-
	Non-fund-based - ST- BG/LC	ST	13.00	CARE A3		,	1)CARE A3 (10-Apr-15)	-
_	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	1.29	CARE BBB-; Negative		1)CARE BBB- (13-Apr-16)	1)CARE BBB- (10-Apr-15)	-



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