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CARE ASSIGNS 'CARE BBB (SO)' RATING TO THE BANK FACILITIES OF MIHIT SOLAR POWER PRIVATE LIMITED

Rating

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Remarks
Long-term Bank Facilities*	382.15	CARE BBB (SO) [Triple B (Structured Obligation)]	Assigned
Total Facilities	382.15 (Rupees Three Hundred Eighty Two crore and Fifteen lakh only)		

^{*}Based on limited period credit enhancement in the form of an unconditional and irrevocable corporate guarantee provided by ACME Cleantech Solutions Private Limited (ACSPL, rated 'CARE BBB+', 'CARE A2') valid as per the terms of the sanction

Rating Rationale

The rating assigned to the bank facilities of Mihit Solar Power Private Limited (MSPPL) derives strength from experienced promoter, viz ACME Cleantech Solutions Private Limited (ACSPL, rated 'CARE BBB+', 'CARE A2') with experience in successfully developing and operating solar power assets across India, successful commissioning of the project, long-term off-take arrangement in the form of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) signed with Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL, rated 'CARE BB+', 'CARE A4+'), elongated repayment tenor leading to moderately comfortable debt coverage indicators and corporate guarantee from ACSPL till Debt Service Reserve Account (DSRA) creation and satisfaction of other terms as per the debt sanction.

The rating is, however, constrained by relatively short track record of operations with relatively lower generation levels, counterparty credit risk given the relatively weak financial risk profile of PSPCL, susceptibility of power generation to variation in climatic conditions as well as technological risks since there is a relatively short performance track record of equipment in Indian conditions.

The ability of the company to operate the power plant efficiently, achieve expected generation levels along with timely receipt of payments from the off-taker shall be the key rating sensitivities.

Background

MSPPL, a 100% subsidiary of Vittanath Power Pvt Ltd (VPPL) and a step down subsidiary of ACME Cleantech Solutions Pvt Ltd (ACSPL, rated 'CARE BBB+', 'CARE A2') has set up a 74 MW solar photovoltaic power project in Tehsil Sardulgarh, District Mansa in Punjab using poly crystalline technology. The company had secured the capacity in three bids viz. 24 MW, 25 MW (Part I) and 25 MW (Part II).

The company achieved Commercial Operation Date (COD) in phases from January 2016 till March 2016 for the entire capacity. The company is supplying power to PSPCL under Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) signed on March 31, 2015 at a weighted average tariff of Rs.7.09/kWh for a period of 25 years.

During FY16 (Provisional), the company reported total operating income of Rs.7.33 crore and net profit of Rs.2.47 crore.

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Brief Rationale



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