

Press Release

No. 325/2024
14 November 2024

No Immediate Impact on Ratings of "MBK" and "TLS" from MBK-TTB Non-binding MOU on TLS Sale

TRIS Rating views the signing of a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MBK PLC (MBK, rated "A-/Stable") and TMBThanachart Bank PLC (TTB) in relation to the sales and purchase of shares in T Leasing Company Limited (TLS, rated "BBB/Negative") to have no immediate impact on the company and issue ratings on MBK and TLS.

Given that the proposed transaction remains in the early stages, the outcome and timeline of the transaction remain uncertain, pending due diligence results, approvals from relevant regulatory authorities, and shareholder approvals from both parties as deemed necessary. Therefore, we will closely monitor the transaction's progress and assess its impact on MBK's and TLS's ratings once sufficient information is available for thorough analysis.

Proposed transaction: On 7 November 2024, MBK notified the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) that it had signed an MOU with TTB, regarding the sale of shares in TLS. TLS is a wholly owned subsidiary of MBK that operates a motorcycle leasing and hire purchase business in Bangkok and other provinces. As stated in the notification to SET, the purpose of the MOU is to establish a non-binding framework and key principles for further discussion concerning the proposed transactions between the parties. Following the MOU's execution, both parties plan to conduct due diligence, as well as prepare, review, negotiate, and enter into definitive agreements as mutually agreed upon.

TRIS Rating Co., Ltd.

Silom Complex Building, 24th Floor, 191 Silom Road, Bangkok 10500, Thailand Tel: +66 2 098 3000

© Copyright 2024, TRIS Rating Co., Ltd. All rights reserved. Any unauthorized use, disclosure, copying, republication, further transmission, dissemination, redistribution, or storing for subsequent use for any purpose, in whole or in part, in any form or manner or by any means whatsoever, by any person, of the credit rating reports or information is prohibited, without the prior written permission of TRIS Rating Co., Ltd. The credit rating is not a statement of fact or a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any debt instruments. It is an expression of opinion regarding credit risks for that instrument or particular company. The opinion expressed in the credit rating does not represent investment or other advice and should therefore not be construed as such. Any rating and information contained in any report written or published by TRIS Rating has been prepared without taking into account any recipient's particular financial needs, circumstances, knowledge and objectives. Therefore, a recipient should assess the appropriateness of such information before making an investment decision based on this information. Information used for the rating has been obtained by TRIS Rating from the company and other sources believed to be reliable. Therefore, TRIS Rating does not guarantee the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of any such information and will accept no liability for any loss or damage arising from any inaccuracy, inadequacy or incompleteness. Also, TRIS Rating is not responsible for any errors or omissions, the result obtained from, or any actions taken in reliance upon such information. All methodologies used can be found at www.trisrating.com/rating-information/rating-criteria