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The Ratings on "TCAP", "THANI", and "TNS" Have No Immediate Impact from TCAP-TTB Non-binding MOU on TNS Sale

TRIS Rating views that the signing of a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Thanachart Capital PLC (TCAP, rated "A/Stable") and TMBThanachart Bank PLC (TTB) in relation to potential sale and purchase of shares of Thanachart Securities PLC (TNS, rated "A-/Stable") to have no immediate impact on the company ratings on TCAP, TNS, and Ratchthani Leasing PLC (THANI, rated "A-/Stable"), as well as the relevant issue ratings.

Currently, the proposed transaction's outcome and timeline remain uncertain, pending on due diligence results and regulatory and shareholder approvals. The direction and extent of any rating impact on TCAP and its core subsidiaries, TNS and THANI, cannot be determined at this stage. TRIS Rating will closely monitor the progress of the transaction and assess its impact once sufficient data becomes available.

Proposed transaction: On 7 November 2024, TCAP and TTB notified the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) that they had signed a non-binding MOU in relation to the trading of all shares of TNS. TTB currently holds 10% shares in TNS, while TCAP holds 89.97% shares. The purpose of the MOU is to establish a non-binding framework and key principles for further discussions concerning the proposed transactions between the parties. Following the MOU's execution, both parties plan to conduct due diligence, as well as to prepare, review, negotiate, and enter into definitive agreements as mutually agreed upon.

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