

TPI POLENE POWER PLC

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CORPORATES

Company Rating:	A-
Issue Ratings:	
Senior unsecured	A-
Outlook:	Stable

Last Review Date: 29/02/24

Company Rating History:

Date	Rating	Outlook/Alert
24/02/23	A-	Stable
04/10/22	BBB+	Positive
25/03/20	BBB+	Stable
10/04/19	BBB+	Positive
17/09/18	BBB+	Stable

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RATIONALE

TRIS Rating assigns a rating of “A-” to TPI Polene Power PLC (TPIPP)’s proposed issue of up to THB4 billion senior unsecured debentures, with a tenor of up to seven years. TPIPP intends to use the proceeds from the new debentures for business expansion, plant modifications, and as working capital.

At the same time, TRIS Rating affirms the company rating on TPIPP and the ratings on its outstanding senior unsecured debentures at “A-”. The rating outlook remains “stable”. The ratings are capped by the company rating on its parent, TPI Polene PLC (TPIPL) (rated “A-/Stable”). TPIPP is assessed as a “core” subsidiary of TPIPL, given the close parent-subsidiary linkage and the high level of business integration between the two entities.

We continue to assess TPIPP’s stand-alone credit profile (SACP) at “a”, reflecting its reliable cash flow, backed by power purchase agreements (PPAs) with the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT), its competitive fuel costs, and cost saving from its coal replacement program. Conversely, the ratings are constrained by the gradual phase-out of additional tariffs (adder), the pre-development spending associated with the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Project, as well as a rise in the company’s debt load during its plant modifications and business expansion.

In the first quarter of 2024, TPIPP reported a 21.5% year-on-year (y-o-y) fall in its earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) to about THB1 billion, following a decreased fuel adjustment charge (Ft). However, we expect additional earnings from its newly developed solar power projects and cost reduction benefits from its coal replacement program will gradually improve its EBITDA during the remainder of the year. Leverage remained in line with our forecast, with a debt to EBITDA ratio of 4.5 times.

RATING OUTLOOK

The “stable” outlook reflects the rating outlook on TPIPL. We expect TPIPP’s status as a core subsidiary of TPIPL to remain unchanged. Also, TPIPP’s power plants should continue to perform satisfactorily, in line with our expectation.

RATING SENSITIVITIES

Rating revisions on TPIPP are primarily tied to changes in the ratings on TPIPL.

An upward revision of TPIPP’s SACP is unlikely in the near term. Conversely, a downward revision of its SACP could occur if its operating performance is worse than our forecast and/or the company engages in sizable debt-financed investments, which result in a material deterioration in the group’s financial profile.

RELATED CRITERIA

- Group Rating Methodology, 7 September 2022
- Corporate Rating Methodology, 15 July 2022
- Key Financial Ratios and Adjustments for Corporate Issuers, 11 January 2022
- Issue Rating Criteria, 15 June 2021

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TPI Polene Power PLC (TPIPP)

Company Rating:	A-
Issue Ratings:	
TPIPP247A: THB4,000 million senior unsecured debentures due 2024	A-
TPIPP262A: THB4,523.6 million senior unsecured debentures due 2026	A-
TPIPP267A: THB3,000 million senior unsecured debentures due 2026	A-
TPIPP278A: THB4,695 million senior unsecured debentures due 2027	A-
TPIPP281A: THB3,000 million senior unsecured debentures due 2028	A-
TPIPP288A: THB3,000 million senior unsecured debentures due 2028	A-
TPIPP291A: THB4,000 million senior unsecured debentures due 2029	A-
Up to THB4,000 million senior unsecured debentures due within 7 years	A-
Rating Outlook:	Stable

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