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PACRA PLACES THE RATINGS OF DEWAN CEMENT LIMITED ON RATING WATCH

The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency (PACRA) has placed the ratings of Dewan Cement Limited (Entity ratings; long-term: **A-**, short-term: **A2**, proposed TFC of PKR 5,000mln: **A**) on Rating Watch, while the outlook on these ratings remain negative.

This rating action is based on the emerging delays in timely issuance of the proposed TFC, which is critical for managing the financial cost of the company. Meanwhile, the ratings remain under pressure due to changing dynamics of the cement sector and delays at DCL in commencement of new capacity. At the same time, though the Dewan group is exploring various options, its financial profile is under pressure.

PACRA is closely monitoring related developments and would confirm the ratings accordingly.

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