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PACRA REMOVES THE RATINGS OF NISHAT CHUNIAN POWER LIMITED FROM RATING WATCH

The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency (PACRA) has removed the entity ratings of Nishat Chunian Power Limited (NCPL) from Rating Watch upon successful achievement of Commercial Operations (COD: 21-July-2010). The entity has long-term and short-term ratings of “AA-” (Double A minus) and “A1+” (A One Plus), respectively. These ratings denote a very low expectation of credit risk emanating from a very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments.

About the company: Nishat Chunian Power Limited, an Independent Power Producer (IPP), has set up a 200 MW power plant in Jambar Kalan, in District Kasur, near Lahore on Build-Own-Operate (BOO) basis. The plant is designed to run on Residual Fuel Oil (RFO). The electricity generated is being sold to NTDC under the PPA.

The capital structure of NCPL comprises 80% debt, arranged from a consortium of local banks, and 20% equity. The principal share holder is Nishat Chunian Limited – holding 58% of the equity. Meanwhile, Allied Bank Limited and National Bank of Pakistan hold 12% and 8%, respectively. The remaining (22%) of the shareholding belongs to the general public.

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