



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

Sindh Insurance Limited

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
25-Feb-2020	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
28-Aug-2019	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
28-Feb-2019	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
06-Dec-2018	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
24-May-2018	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
02-Oct-2017	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
13-Mar-2017	A+	-	Stable	Maintain	-
04-May-2016	A	-	Stable	Maintain	-
27-May-2015	A	-	Stable	Upgrade	-
28-Jan-2015	A-	-	Stable	Initial	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The rating reflects SIL's strong parentage - the Government of Sindh (GoS) and its ability to leverage on the same. "Universal Accidental Insurance Scheme (UAIS)", initiated by GoS, provided impetus to the company's business volume. The scheme has undergone a new regime, by virtue of which the premium size has squeezed though the cash balance has stayed with the company. It is enriching the company's alternative investment. To have a profitable growth in the market business is also important; the company has recently underwritten Sindh Engro Coal Mining(Phase -2), generating a good quantum of business annually, The company has created a reserve against IBNR on account of UAIS.

Sindh government related business provides slight comfort. Although the company is trying to develop a market-related business but it needs further impetus in order to preserve company's relative positioning. The risk absorption capacity needs to be upheld, while good governance practices are the key to sustained business profile

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	Sindh Insurance Limited
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	IFS Rating
Applicable Criteria	PACRA_Methodology_GI(Jun-19)
Related Research	Sector Study General Insurance(May-19)
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Profile

Legal Structure Sindh Insurance Limited (SIL) was incorporated as a non-listed public limited company on December 20th, 2013 as a wholly owned entity of Government of Sindh (GoS) with primary objective to fulfill insurance needs for huge assets owned and financed by GoS as per the 'Sindh Insurance of public property Act, 2015.

Background The mission of the company is to maximize market share through adoption of comprehensive conventional and non-conventional distribution strategy by marketing innovative insurance products

Operations SIL started its operation effectively beginning Oct-14, envisaging business from all segments of general insurance. SIL is the very first project of the Government of Sindh in the general insurance sector with a mandate to park business-related to public assets of GoS and the group – Sindh Group (SG) including bank, leasing, modarba and microfinance. Meanwhile building non-captive portfolio, the business model incorporates capitalizing platforms of SG entities – all financial institutions – and benefit from synergies available within the group

Ownership

Ownership Structure SIL's seven-member board comprises elected directors. One is Government officials, two of them are non-executive directors, while rest are independent directors.

Stability Sindh Insurance has a smooth and sound shareholding

Business Acumen Government of Sindh (GoS) owns 100% stake in SIL through Ministry of Finance (MoF)

Financial Strength Sindh bank has since ventured into Islamic banking and has a network of 13 Islamic branches throughout the country whereas Sindh Modaraba, with 70% holding of GoS, is a perpetual, multi-dimensional, and no-trading modaraba. The Modaraba engages in business of Ijarah, diminishing musharkah and other shariah compliant financing facility.

Governance

Board Structure SIL's seven member board comprises elected directors. One is Government's official, two directors are non-executive directors and four are independent directors

Members' Profile The profile of entire board is satisfactory, with a mix of experienced legal professionals and investment experts. The chairman of the board, Mr. Bilal Sheikh, is a seasoned banker with over 45 year's diversified banking experience. Mr. Mushtaq Malik has joined the board of directors replacing Mr. Ahmad Salahuddin as an executive director

Board Effectiveness On average, two directors have presence on at least two other boards of public companies, however availability of directors is not an issue as witnessed by the high attendance in board meetings. The company have four independent director in the Board.

Financial Transparency BDO Ebrahim & Co. Chartered Accountants are the new auditors of the company and will be expressing their opinion on the financial statements of CY19

Management

Organizational Structure Operations of the company are divided into four departments; i) Finance, ii) Operations, iii) Human Resource & Admin, and iv) Internal Audit. Head of Finance (CFO), Head of Operations (HOO) and Head of HR & Admin directly report to the CEO.

Management Team Management team is being headed by the CEO, Mr. Muhammad Faisal Siddiqui. The head count of the company, as at year end Dec-18 was 32; herein, mostly belong to the lower tier except departmental heads. Currently, the positions of claims and underwriting Head of Departments are vacant

Effectiveness Mr. Muhammad Faisal Siddiqui, the CEO since the inception of the company, is an Associate of Chartered Insurance Institute, London, and possesses diversified experience in life and general Insurance. He served as CEO of National Assets Insurance Limited for four years and remained the Deputy Director, General Insurance, in Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan for half a decade. The CEO is supported by a management team comprising qualified and experienced professionals

MIS
Claim Management System The claims process is initiated with claim intimation by client (via email, letter or phone call) and is recorded directly on claims register. For claim validation/authentication purposes, a surveyor is appointed on the basis of size of claim; in-house surveyor up to PKR 25,000, and external surveyor for claims above PKR 25,000 with prior approval of CEO.

Investment Management Function SIL has sizeable investment book (PKR 3,217 mln), that constitutes 216% of equity at end-Sep 19. The investments are deployed entirely in liquid avenues dominated by Term Deposits in banks with attractive. SIL has invested majorly in TDF's in this stage to keep it risk-free. Investment management is overseen by an Investment Committee which includes CEO, CFO and two board member – including Mr. Syed Akhtar ul Islam (Chairman investment Committee)

Risk Management Framework The treaty capacities are optimal with surplus arrangements, which are adequate in the initial years of operation. The company has diversified its panel of reinsurers, boding well for its financial risk.

Business Risk

Industry Dynamics Pakistan's general insurance achieved a CAGR of 9% during the last four years. Majority of the growth emanates from Fire and motor segments. The miscellaneous segment has experienced growth via non-conventional avenues such as crop, livestock, travel etc. Takaful segment has been growing positively mainly in motor while exploring new avenues in health and fire segment. Industry is bringing in technological advancements aimed to enhance efficiency and customer experience.

Relative Position The company is placed among the small players in the industry. The company needs to develop market business to preserve its business positioning.

Revenue During 9MCY19, SIL reported a GPW of PKR 908mln (Conventional: PKR 904, PTF: PKR 4mln) (9MCY18: 463mln) increasing by an impressive 94% YoY. Improvement was witnessed in both conventional and window takaful operations

Profitability The company registered a Net Premium Revenue of PKR 302mln (Conventional PKR: 297mln, PTF PKR: 5mln) (9MCY18: PKR 270mln) rising by a nominal 12% on account of the revenue from SECMEC's project's second phase. The company posted an underwriting profit of PKR 55mln (Conventional 52mln, PTF PKR: 2.5 mln) as compared to an underwriting loss of PKR 42mln in 9MCY18.

Investment Performance The investment income of the company rose by 34% to PKR 267mln (9MCY18: 200mln) compared to the same period last year. The increase was due to increased return on debt securities amidst rising interest rates

Sustainability The company needs to develop a market-related business to preserve its relative positioning. To grow the market business is important for the company. Profitability is also an essential

Financial Risk

Claim Efficiency IBNR reported on account of UAIC is the major portion of claims outstanding. The claims days rose to a whopping 3369 days at Sep -19 (9MCY18: 2699 days, CY18: 827days)

Re-Insurance Sindh Insurance has reinsurance arrangements with Hannover Re (AA- S&P), Swiss RE (AA- by S&P), PRCL (AA- by VIZ), Trust Re – Bahrain (A- by S&P), GIC Dubai Br (A- A.M Best), Arab Re (B+ A.M Best), Oman Re (BBB- by Fitch) and Tunis Re (B+ by A.M Best).

Liquidity Liquidity coverage dropped to 1.7x at the end 9MCY19 as against 2.4x in 9MCY18 on account of increased provisions for outstanding claims (including IBNR).

Capital Adequacy The company has equity of PKR 1.7bln, well above the basic requirement for the insurance companies by SECP



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BALANCE SHEET	Sep-19	Dec-18	Dec-17	Dec-16
	9MCY19	Annual	Annual	Annual
Investments				
Liquid Investments	3,217	3,161	3,048	2,546
Investment in Associates				
Other Investments				
	3,217	3,161	3,048	2,546
Insurance Related Assets	1061	466	130	87
Other Assets	655	171	247	303
Asset - Window Takkaful	63	62	54	50
TOTAL ASSETS	4,996	3,860	3,479	2,985
Equity	1,728	1,479	1,281	656
Underwriting Provisions	759	308	374	1,722
Insurance Related Liabilities	2,415	2,024	1,277	533
Other Liabilities	86	39	544	72
Liabilities - Window Takkaful	7	9	2	1
TOTAL EQUITY & LIABILITIES	4,996	3,860	3,479	2,985
INCOME STATEMENT (Extracts)*	Sep-19	Dec-18	Dec-17	Dec-16
Gross Premium Written (GPW)	905	426	403	2,409
Net Premium Revenue (NPR)	279	359	1,619	2,409
Net Claims	-9	802	763	517
Net Operational Expenses	212	469	862	117
Underwriting Results - Adjusted	52	1,624	3,239	3,042
Investment Income	267	258	181	63
PROFIT/ LOSS BEFORE TAX	352	279	175	83
PROFIT/ LOSS AFTER TAX	250	198	122	156
RATIO ANALYSIS (Conventional)	Sep-19	Dec-18	Dec-17	Dec-16
Underwriting Results				
Loss Ratio	-3%	224%	47%	81%
Combined Ratio	73%	404%	7%	99%
Performance				
Operating Ratio	34%	327%	-4%	87%
Investment Yield	17%	8%	6%	16%
Liquidity & Solvency				
Liquidity Ratio – times	1.7	1.6	2.6	5.2

*Including Takkaful Operations
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Insurer Financial Strength (IFS) Rating Scale & Definitions

Insurer Financial Strength (IFS) rating reflects forward-looking opinion on relative ability of the insurance company to meet policyholders and contractual obligations.

Scale	Definition
AAA	Exceptionally Strong. Exceptionally strong capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations. Risk factors are minimal and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be extremely small.
AA+	Very Strong. Very strong capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations. Risk factors are modest, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be very small.
AA	
AA-	
A+	Strong. Strong capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations. Risk factors are moderate, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be small.
A	
A-	
BBB+	Good. Good capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations. Although risk factors are somewhat high, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be manageable.
BBB	
BBB-	
BB+	Weak. Weak capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations. Risk factors are very high, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be very significant.
BB	
BB-	
B+	Very Weak. Very weak with a very poor capacity to meet policyholder and contract obligations. 'CCC': Risk factors are extremely high, and the impact of any adverse business and economic factors is expected to be insurmountable. 'CC': Some form of insolvency or liquidity impairment appears probable. 'C': Insolvency or liquidity impairment appears imminent.
B	
B-	
CCC	Very high credit risk. Substantial credit risk "CCC" Default is a real possibility. Capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon sustained, favorable business or economic developments. "CC" Rating indicates that default of some kind appears probable. "C" Ratings signal imminent default.
CC	
C	
D	Distressed. Extremely weak capacity with limited liquid assets to meet policyholders and contractual obligations, or subjected to some form of regulatory intervention and declared insolvent by the regulator.

Outlook (Stable, Positive, Negative, Developing) Indicates the potential and direction of a rating over the intermediate term in response to trends in economic and/or fundamental business/financial conditions. It is not necessarily a precursor to a rating change. 'Stable' outlook means a rating is not likely to change. 'Positive' means it may be raised. 'Negative' means it may be lowered. Where the trends have conflicting elements, the outlook may be described as 'Developing'.

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Suspension It is not possible to update an opinion due to lack of requisite information. Opinion should be resumed in foreseeable future. However, if this does not happen within six (6) months, the rating should be considered withdrawn.

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