

The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

Dawood Hercules Corporation Limited | Sukuk II

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Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch			
28-Jun-2019	AA	-	Stable	Maintain	-			
28-Dec-2018	AA	-	Stable	Maintain	-			
28-Jun-2018	AA	-	Stable	Initial	-			
30-Dec-2017	AA	-	Stable	Preliminary	-			

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The ratings reflect Dawood Hercules Corporation Limited's (DH Corp) strong profile as an InvestCo holding significant investments through it's subsidiary Engro Corp. Divestment in Hub Power Company Limited at healthy gains has led to accumulation of sizeable liquid funds. The Company continues to hold these funds in money market instruments and has recently started investing in blue chip market securities indicating very strong liquidity. DH Corp is exploring new investments avenues to add to its portfolio including those in the technology sector. Meanwhile, DH Corp is expected to have a steady and increasing dividend stream from it's subsidiary, Engro Corp, which has announced a new investment of up to PKR 7.5bln in the telecom sector in April'19 through Enfrashare, a wholly owned subsidiary of Engro Infiniti. Further, Engro Energy Limited have also announced significant investments in the energy sector. The business acumen of the sponsoring family and strong governance practices provide support to the ratings.

The ratings require upholding strong overall risk profile and prudent investment policy by the Company. DH Corp enjoys sizeable liquid funds from divestment in HUBCO, giving it ample liquidity and cushion for debt servicing. At the same time, the management's commitment to maintain existing debt levels and coverages would be critical.

Disclosure					
Name of Rated Entity Dawood Hercules Corporation Limited Sukuk II					
Type of Relationship Solicited					
Purpose of the Rating	Debt Instrument Rating				
Applicable Criteria	Methodology Corporate Ratings(Jun-18),Methodology Sukuk(Jun-18),Methodology Debt Instrument(Jun-18),Methodology Criteria Rating Modifier(Jun-18),Methodology Holding Company (Jun-18)				
Related Research	Sector Study Holding Company(Aug-18)				
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Profile

Legal Structure Dawood Hercules Corporation Limited is a public limited company listed on the Pakistan Stock Exchange.

Background The Company was incorporated in Pakistan on April 17, 1968 under the Companies Act, 1913 (now Companies Act, 2017) as Dawood Hercules Chemicals Limited. As a result of restructuring in January 2011, Dawood Hercules Chemicals Limited demerged its fertilizer operations by establishing a wholly owned subsidiary – DH Fertilizers Limited. As a result Dawood Hercules Chemicals Limited was renamed to Dawood Hercules Corporation Limited.

Operations The principal activity of the Company is to manage investments including its subsidiary and associated companies. The group's business portfolio spans across various sectors including chemical fertilizers, PVC, food, power generation, coal mining and LNG storage. The registered office of the Company is in Karachi.

Ownership

Ownership Structure As at Apr'19, Dawood Group (Dawood Family and associates) holds 34% stake in DH Corp through its' corporate entities (20%) and individuals (14%). Other related foreign companies hold 54% shareholding in DH Corp, 9% is held by corporate and financial institutions whereas 3% is held by general public. **Stability** Ownership of the business is seen as stable as the major ownership vests with the sponsors i.e. Dawood Family.

Business Acumen DH Group is a conglomerate with over three generations of experience in commercial and social enterprises. Currently, the Group has interests in various sectors of the economy including Fertilizers, Foods, Power Generation, Technology, Financial Services, Chemical Storage, and Petrochemicals. Strong affiliation and technical track record with international JVs have added to the success of the companies within the Group.

Financial Strength Dawood Group's main holding companies are DH Corp and Dawood Lawrencepur Limited. The Groups' main investments in Engro Corp are consolidated in DH Corp while investments in energy sector are consolidated in Dawood Lawrencepur Limited. In addition, the Group's businesses include Cyan Limited (a listed entity, engaged in making equity investments in companies with high growth potential). DH Corp has a strong consolidated asset base of ~ PKR435bln supported by an equity base of ~ PKR 208bln as at Mar'19. Consolidated Revenue stood at ~ PKR 171bln for CY18 (~PKR 40bln: 3MCY19).

Governance

Board Structure BoD has ten members. All except the CEO are non- executive. It has four members from the Dawood family and two independent directors. **Members' Profile** The Board is chaired by Mr Hussain Dawood, the patriarch of Dawood Family. He is a Pakistani businessman and philanthropist and chairs an array of profit and not-for- profit ventures. All members are seasoned professionals with experiences in energy, chemical, technology and financial sectors, bringing a diverse range of requisite skills to the BoD.

Board Effectiveness Board has three committees to assist the Board in governing the affairs of the Company. These comprise: a) Human Resource & Remuneration Committee, b) Board Audit Committee, and c) Board Investment Committee. The Board met eight times during CY18 with an average attendance of ~80%. The audit committee met four times during the year, while the Human Resource and Remuneration Committee met five times during the year, respectively.

Financial Transparency DH Corp's External Auditors are A.F. Ferguson & Co who have issued an unqualified auditor's report on CY18 financial statements.

Management

Organizational Structure The Company operates through seven departments namely: a) Investment, b) Finance, c) Corporate affairs, d) Human Resource, e) Protocol and Services, f) Information Technology and g) Internal Audit. All department heads report directly to the CEO. The head of internal audit department reports administratively to the CEO and functionally to Board Audit Committee.

Management Team Mr. Inam-Ur-Rehman, is serving as CEO since Dec '16. Before joining DH Corp he held the position of CEO at Dawood Lawrencepur Limited, Reon Limited and Tenaga Generasi Limited. Mr. Muhammad Shamoon Chaudry joined as CFO in place of Mr. Shafiq Ahmed during CY18. He has a Masters in Finance from London Business School and a MBA from Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). He has more than 25 years of progressive and varied experience in the financial sector.

Effectiveness Key members of DH Corp's Board are also present on the Board of their investee companies that helps exercise greater oversight and control.

MIS DH Corp generates a standardized quarterly MIS for its board members – Dashboard – which provides a structured breakdown of information on predetermined key indicators for the Company as a whole as well as each group entity individually.

Control Environment DH Corp previously had outsourced its internal audit function to Ernst & Young Ford Rhodes Chartered Accountants. The Company now has an inhouse internal audit department headed by Certified Internal Control Auditor (CIA).

Business Risk

Industry Dynamics Holding companies are an emerging phenomena in Pakistan. Some operating companies that held strategic investments, for the purpose of diversification and growth, eventually de-merged from their operations and structured itself so that holding companies could concentrate their investments for the purpose of business growth and diversification.

Relative Position DH Corp enjoys a sizable position in the universe of Holding Companies owing to it's subsidiary, Engro Corp. The subsidiary is engaged in various sectors of the economy. The fertilizer business is the second largest producer in it's sector in Pakistan. The PVC business is the sole producer of PVC in Pakistan, with 66% market share of domestic PVC demand. The dairy business is the market leader in Pakistan's UHT market and number 2 dairy dessert brand serving over 12 million consumers. Company operates Pakistan's first LNG receiving terminal, and a integrated bulk liquid chemical & LPG terminal. The energy side of the Company is operating Pakistan's first 217MW power plant on permeate gas. The mining business in a JV with the Government of Sindh and CMEC, is developing Pakistan's first operating.

Revenues DH Corps' topline comprises of dividend income from its investee company i.e Engro Corp. On a standalone basis, the topline for CY18 stood at PKR 4,353mln reflecting a decline of ~25% as against PKR 5,778mln for the same period last year. The trend continued during 3MCY19 to ~PKR 584mln compared to similar period last year (3MCY18:PKR 748mln). This decline is due to the lower dividends from Engro Corp and discontinuation of dividend stream from HUBCO post divestment in CY18.

Margins Finance cost increased by ~80% amounting to PKR 883mln in CY18 (PKR 493mln: CY17) owing to increase in borrowings and interest rates. Other income supported the bottom line by PKR 5,020mln which includes profit from short term fixed income investments (PKR 1,477mln) and gain on disposal of HUBCO investment (PKR 3,542mln). Bottom line increased to ~PKR 6,053mln as at CY18 compared to PKR 3,852mln in CY17. Excluding the one time capital gain (net of tax), the profit was PKR 2,490mln. Bottom-line during 3MCY19 was lower at ~PKR 109mln (~PKR 3,848mln: 3MCY18) due to last year's one-off capital gains, higher finance costs and lower dividend income.

Sustainability Going forward, the Company plans to explore further investment avenues for diversification and growth. It's subsidiary, Engro Corp has announced a new investment of up to PKR 7.5bln in the telecom sector in April'19 through Enfrashare, a wholly owned subsidiary of Engro Infiniti. Further, Engro Energy Limited has annouced investment in four solar power plants of 50MW each in Balochistan for \$144mln. These plants are expected to achieve commercial operation date by June 2020.

Financial Risk

Working Capital The Company being a holding company has limited/ no working capital needs in line with it's operations. The Company holds sizeable liquid investment (~PKR 23bln) in the form of T-bills with no short term borrowings as at Mar'19.

Coverages In line with the increase in leveraging, reduction in dividend streams, the Company's interest coverage deteriorated from 9.3x in CY17 to 0.1x in 3MCY19. The Company holds sizeable liquid funds (~PKR 23bln) in the form of T-bills to service its debt obligations.

Capitalization DH Corp has two sukuks of PKR 5.2bln and PKR 6bln for a period of five years, bringing its total debt to \sim PKR 11bln at end of Mar'19. These sukuks bear a 3MK+1% profit rate and will mature in Nov '22 and Feb '23, respectively. DH Corp | Sukuk II is exercisable via a Call option while Call option on DH Corp | Sukuk will trigger post Nov'19. The Company has witnessed an increasing leveraging since CY15. With the new sukuks, the ratio clocked in at 24% at end of Mar'19 up from 16% in Dec '17. The Company maintains a moderate level of leveraging.



Holding Company

The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited		Financials		
				PKR mln
Dawood Hercules Corporation Limited (DH Corp) BALANCE SHEET	31-Mar-19	31-Dec-18	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-16
DALANCE SHEET	31-Mar-19 3M	Annual	Annual	
	Un-Audited	Audited	Audited	Annual Audited
	Accounts	Accounts	Accounts	Accounts
	Accounts	Accounts	Accounts	Accounts
Non-Current Assets	130	137	157	120
Investments (Incl. associates)	46,652	45,051	39,147	37,478
Equity	23,753	23,516	37,478	37,478
Others	22,899	21,535	1,669	-
Advance against Investment	-	-	-	
Current Assets	556	2,146	297	34'
Inventory	-	-	-	-
Trade Receivables	-	-	-	-
Others	556	2,146	297	347
Total Assets	47,337	47,334	39,601	37,95
Debt	11,106	11,227	6,381	6,758
Short-term	-	121	1,242	2,869
Long-term (Inlc. Current Maturity of long-term debt)	11,106	11,106	5,140	3,889
Other short-term liabilities	1,152	1,137	450	351
Other Long-term Liabilities	6	6	4	
Shareholder's Equity	35,073	34,964	32,766	30,839
Total Liabilities & Equity	47,337	47,334	39,601	37,95(
INCOME STATEMENT				
Turnover	603	4,353	5,779	7,422
Gross Profit	448	3,343	5,287	6,675
Other Income	3	5,020	2	12
Financial Charges	(304)	(883)	(493)	(393
Net Income	109	6,054	3,852	5,470
Cashflow Statement				
Free Cashflow from Operations (FCFO)	(245)	(2,354)	4,589	5,873
Net Cash changes in Working Capital	1,596	222	(111)	(152
Net Cash from Operating Activities	1,057	(2,955)	3,980	5,328
Net Cash from InvestingActivities	341	23,596	(1,729)	(9
Net Cash from Financing Activities	(1)	2,104	(681)	(6,04)
Ratio Analysis				
Performance				
Turnover Growth	-7.1%	-24.7%	-22.1%	-66.29
Gross Margin	74.4%	76.8%	91.5%	89.99
Net Margin	18.1%	139.1%	66.7%	73.79
ROE	1.2%	17.0%	11.6%	17.39
Capital Structure (Total Debt/Total Debt+Equity)	24.0%	24.3%	16.3%	18.09

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DEBT INSTRUMENT RATING SCALE & DEFINITIONS

LONG	TERM RATINGS		S	HORT	TERM RATINGS
AA	Highest credit quality. Lowest expectation of credit risk. Indicate exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments.				
A+ A A-	Very high credit quality. Very low expectation of credit risk. Indicate very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.		A1+: The h	ighest c	capacity for timely repayment
\+ \ \-	High credit quality. Low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions.		A1:. A strong capacity for timely repayment.		
BB+ BB BB-	Good credit quality. Currently a low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse changes in circumstances and in economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.		A2: A satisfactory capacity for timely repayment This may be susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.		
B+ B B-	Moderate risk. Possibility of credit risk developing. There is a possibility of credit risk developing, particularly as a result of adverse economic or business changes over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met.		A3: An adequate capacity for timely repayment Such capacity is susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.		
+	High credit risk. A limited margin of safety remains against credit risk. Financial commitments are currently being met; however, capacity for continued payment is contingent upon a sustained, favorable business and economic environment.		 B: The capacity for timely repayment is more susceptible to adverse changes in business economic, or financial conditions. C: An inadequate capacity to ensure time 		
CC C C	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.		repayment.		
	Obligations are currently in default.				
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Name of Issure Name of Issue Sector Type of Relationship Dawood Hercules Corporation Limited Dawood Hercules Corporation Limited | Sukuk II Holding Company Solicited

Independent Risk Assessment

Purpose of the Rating

	Nature of Instrument Sukuk II					
Name of Issuer	Dawood Hercules Corporation Limited					
Placement	Over the counter listed securities, issued to qualified institutional buyers through private placements					
Issue size	PKR 6bln					
Issue Date	1-Mar-18					
Tenor	5 yrs including a 15 month grace period					
Maturity	1-Mar-23					
Profit Rate	3MK + 1% (Quarterly in Arrears)					
Principal Repayment	8 step-up semi-annual payments in arrears					
Call Option	Exercisable in full at any time after one (1) year of the Issue Date on a profit payment date, subject to a 30 days' notice;					
Security	 Pledge of shares of Engro Corporation Limited, inclusive of 50% margin, in a designated CDC account. In the event of any sale and repurchase of security. Floating or Hypothecation charge on all present and future assets of the Company inclusive of a 25% margin. 					
Market Value	PKR 12,162,857,183/- (As at 31-May-2019)					
Trustee	JS Bank Limited					

Dawood Hercules Corporation Limited Sukuk II Redemption Schedule								
Opening Principal	Principal Mar Repayment		ıp	Markup Payment	Installment Payable	Principal Outstanding		
PKR in mln		Due Date	Rate		PKR in mln			
6,000	-	1-Mar-19	11.5%	173	173	6,00		
6,000	-	31-May-19	11.5%	173	173	6,00		
6,000	600	30-Aug-19	14.0%	210	810	5,40		
5,400	-	29-Nov-19	14.0%	189	189	5,40		
5,400	600	29-Feb-20	14.0%	189	789	4,80		
4,800	-	30-May-20	14.0%	168	168	4,80		
4,800	600	29-Aug-20	14.0%	168	768	4,20		
4,200	-	28-Nov-20	14.0%	147	147	4,20		
4,200	600	28-Feb-21	14.0%	147	747	3,60		
3,600	-	30-May-21	14.0%	126	126	3,60		
3,600	600	29-Aug-21	14.0%	126	726	3,00		
3,000	-	28-Nov-21	14.0%	105	105	3,00		
3,000	600	28-Feb-22	14.0%	105	705	2,40		
2,400	-	30-May-22	14.0%	84	84	2,40		
2,400	1,200	29-Aug-22	14.0%	84	1,284	1,20		
1,200	-	28-Nov-22	14.0%	42	42	1,20		
1,200	1,200	28-Feb-23	14.0%	42	1,242			

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