



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

TPL Corp Limited | PPCP

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
27-Aug-2021	A	A1	Stable	Initial	-
18-Jun-2021	A	A1	Stable	Preliminary	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

The rating reflects TPL Corp Limited's ("TPL Corp" or "the Company") diverse pool of investments and its evolving structure as a Holding Company. TPL Group entered the business arena through vehicle tracking and insurance business. The existing investment portfolio is still evolving. TPL Insurance remains a stable investment in the Company's book. Moreover, TPL Trakker Limited and TPL Properties Limited remain prominent players in their respective sectors. However, all the investments are yet to generate sizeable dividends for the Company. TPL Life Insurance Limited provides complete health and life insurance products. TPL Security Services provides security solutions. The merger of TPL Maps and TPL Rupiya into TPL Trakker is expected to bring in synergy at the Group level.

On a standalone basis, TPL Corp has yet to receive consistent dividends/payout from its investments. The Company has recently diluted its stake in TPL Insurance as DEG (Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft), a wholly-owned subsidiary of KFW Group based in Germany, has acquired 19.9% stake through the issuance of ordinary shares other than a right issue. Meanwhile, the listing process of TPL Trakker on PSX concluded in Aug-20 while, shares remain oversubscribed. The sale transaction of Centrepont from TPL Properties balance sheet, to Bank Al Habib, has been completed lately. These initiatives have been delayed amidst prevailing economic conditions, however, have generated sufficient funds for the Group. Lately, the Company has issued a Privately Placed Commercial Paper of ~ PKR 900mln (base issue of ~ PKR 700 with a greenshoe option of PKR 200mln) to meet financing requirements of its subsidiaries/associated companies. Coverages may remain constrained in the absence of material dividend income but a rate cut (625 bps) by SBP would provide the respite. The ratings take comfort from demonstrated support of sponsors to raise funds. Strong governance framework remains beneficial for the ratings.

The ratings depend on the projected performance of existing strategic investments. Timely and successful repayment of the PPCP is pre-eminent for the ratings.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	TPL Corp Limited PPCP
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Debt Instrument Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology Debt Instrument Rating(Jun-21),Methodology Holding Company Rating(Jun-21),Criteria Rating Modifiers(Jun-21)
Related Research	Sector Study Holding Company(Aug-20)
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Issuer Profile

Profile In Dec-08, TPL Trakker Ltd. was incorporated in as a private limited company under the repealed Companies Ordinance 1984 (now Companies Act, 2017). TPL Trakker Ltd. was converted into public company in 2009 and got listed on the Pakistan Stock Exchange Limited on Jul-12. TPL Trakker was renamed to TPL Corp Limited ("TPL Corp" or "the Company") w.e.f. November 24, 2017. TPL Corp is the Investment Holding Company of TPL Group, with the principal activity to make investments in Group and other companies. Currently, the Company holds investment across insurance, tracking, real estate, security, navigation, mapping solutions, fintech and financial sectors through its various subsidiaries.

Ownership TPL Holdings (Private) Limited holds major stake of ~62% in TPL Corp. Meanwhile, ~6% shares of the Company are held by financial institutions. Rest of the ownership resides with local and foreign individuals. The Company has a free float of ~38%. Ownership is seen as stable as sponsor's respective holding in the Company is through its corporate entity, TPL Holdings (Private) Limited. The ultimate sponsors possess strong knowledge in technology, investments and financial sector. TPL Holdings (Private) Limited's main investments are consolidated in TPL Corp.

Governance The Company's Board comprises eight Directors of which two are Independent Directors, four Non-Executive Directors and two Executive Director. Two Directors are nominee of TPL Holdings (Private) Limited. Mr. Jameel Yusuf chairs the Board. The Board members include finance, marketing, business experts and respected retired armed forces personnel. The Board has two committees - Audit and HR & Remuneration Committee - to assist in governing the affairs of the Company. Both committees are chaired by Mr. Nadeem Arshad Elahi - an Independent Director. M/s EY Ford Rhodes & Co., Chartered Accountants, the external auditors, have issued an unqualified audit report for financial year ended Jun-20.

Management TPL Corp functions as a holding company and institutes a well-designed organizational structure, which is divided across various functional divisions and is headed by the CEO. TPL Corp has seven subsidiaries with each of the subsidiary having its own CEO reporting directly to the Group CEO, Mr. Ali Jameel. The subsidiaries have independent operational roles and reporting lines for the purpose of performance oversight. However, legal and IT functions are centralized at the Group level. While, HR and Finance functions at the Group level provide holistic guidance and a wide range operating platform to the corresponding division at the subsidiaries. Mr. Ali Jameel, the CEO, is a seasoned professional with about two decades of experience. Management team's long association with the group bodes well for the overall growth. TPL Corp practices a fortnightly performance review meetings attended by respective department heads. The Company maintains strong IT infrastructure and monitoring by deploying Oracle E-Business Suit as ERP solution. Two Oracle modules are operational. TPL Corp continues to invest in technology to ensure efficient monitoring to strengthening the internal processes of the Company. TPL Corp has an Internal Audit Department at Group level that reports to the Chairman of the Board Audit Committee.

Business Risk TPL Corp traces its roots to its stake in the pioneer GPS tracker in Pakistan i.e., TPL Trakker. It holds the largest market share (~42%) in tracking and fleet management industry. TPL Properties (shareholding by TPL Corp ~34.8%) invests in real estate projects. The Company's subsidiaries in insurance industry occupies prominent place with TPL Life and TPL Insurance. TPL Insurance is a medium sized company with 3% market share. On the other hand, TPL Life Insurance is a small sized life insurer with the market share of less than 1%. The Company's standalone income comprises dividends from its subsidiaries. However, during 9MFY21, the Company didn't receive dividend income. On a consolidated basis, revenue stood at ~PKR 4.1bln in 9MFY21 (9MFY20: ~PKR 3.8bln), depicting an increase of ~9%. The growth is attributable to the increase in revenue from TPL Life Insurance. Moreover, the revenue from Trakker Middle East (TME) was also included which is a subsidiary of TPL Trakker and is being consolidated for the first time. However, the revenue from TPL Properties witnessed a decline of ~PKR 56mln due to adjustment in rental for early termination to achieve the covenants of the sale deed of Centrepoint. The Company's profitability remained under pressure as no dividends were received. However, the finance cost declined to ~PKR 140mln in 9MFY21 (9MFY20: ~PKR 249mln) on the back of lower KIBOR. As a result, the Company posted net loss of ~PKR 234mln (9MFY20: ~PKR 325mln). On a consolidated basis, the margins suffered owing to increase in cost of sales and operating expenses. However due to lower finance cost, the Company managed to mitigate trickle-down effect and reported ~PKR 887mln loss after tax in 9MFY21 (loss after tax in 9MFY20: ~PKR 875mln). All subsidiaries are currently in growth mode. However, funds generated by TPL Properties from the sale of Centrepoint and by TPL Insurance from DEG's investment are expected to be utilized internally.

Financial Risk The Company has obtained a short-term loan of ~PKR 800mln with a mark-up of 1 month KIBOR plus 1% per annum in 9MFY21 to meet the financing requirement of its subsidiary. At present, stability in the debt mix of the Company gives rise to sufficient room to borrow. TPL Corp is experiencing stressed coverages (9MFY21: -0.7x, 9MFY20: -0.3x) due to no dividend income and consequently negative FCFO from operations. The Company's coverages may come under pressure with new debt financing if matching cashflows are not realized. TPL has a moderately leveraged capital structure (~24%). The Company has obtained long-term loan of ~PKR 1bln from Bank of Punjab (BOP) in Mar-21 to settle inter-company balances. Recently, TPL Corp has issued a Privately Placed Commercial Paper. Post issuance of the instrument, leveraging of the Company is expected to be ~40%, however, remain low.

Instrument Rating Considerations

About The Instrument The Company has issued a Privately Placed Commercial Paper of PKR 900mln (base issue of ~ PKR 700mln with a greenshoe option of ~ PKR 200mln) to bridge the investment in TPL Life Insurance and finance working capital requirement of its subsidiaries. The instrument carries markup at the rate of 6 months KIBOR plus 2.75 % per annum and will be redeemed as a bullet payment on the maturity date i.e., 180 days after the issuance of the instrument. TPL Corp plans to repay the issue through dividend income or may dilute investment in its underlying subsidiaries.

Relative Seniority/Subordination Of Instrument Obligations to holders of Commercial Paper will constitute unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer ranking at least equally in right of payment with all other unsecured, subordinated indebtedness of the Issuer except those preferred mandatory by law.

Credit Enhancement The instrument is unsecured.



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TPL Corp Limited Holding Company	Mar-21	Jun-20	Mar-20	Jun-19
	9M Management	12M Audited	9M Management	12M Audited
A BALANCE SHEET				
1 Investments	3	3	3	-
2 Related Party Investments	5,807	4,704	4,584	5,129
3 Non-Current Assets	16	2	2	2
4 Current Assets	294	152	137	543
5 Total Assets	6,121	4,860	4,726	5,674
6 Current Liabilities	126	53	39	31
7 Borrowings	1,448	183	-	933
8 Related Party Exposure	1,050	1,794	1,851	1,170
9 Non-Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-
10 Net Assets	3,496	2,831	2,837	3,540
11 Shareholders' Equity	3,496	2,831	2,837	3,540
B INCOME STATEMENT				
1 Total Investment Income	6	6	9	175
a Cost of Investments	(140)	(325)	(249)	(178)
2 Net Investment Income	(133)	(319)	(240)	(3)
a Other Income	1	1	-	-
b Operating Expenses	(102)	(108)	(85)	(127)
4 Profit or (Loss) before Interest and Tax	(234)	(426)	(325)	(129)
a Taxation	-	-	-	(26)
6 Net Income Or (Loss)	(234)	(426)	(325)	(155)
C CASH FLOW STATEMENT				
a Total Cash Flow	(98)	(69)	(79)	23
b Net Cash from Operating Activities before Working Capital Change	(414)	(193)	(200)	(89)
c Changes in Working Capital	(628)	797	968	249
1 Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	(1,042)	604	768	160
2 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Investing Activities	(220)	143	167	(200)
3 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Financing Activities	1,266	(749)	(933)	46
4 Net Cash generated or (Used) during the period	3	(2)	2	6
D RATIO ANALYSIS				
1 Performance				
a Asset Concentration (Market Value of Largest Investment / Market V	50.3%	40.3%	41.7%	37.3%
b Core Investments / Market Value of Total Investments	1.5%	2.1%	2.4%	1.6%
c Marketable Investments / Total Investments	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2 Coverages				
a TCF / Finance Cost	-0.7	-0.2	-0.3	0.1
b TCF / Finance Cost + CMLTB	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	0.1
c Loan to Value (Funding / Market Value of Total Investments)	21.97%	3.57%	0.00%	17.73%
3 Capital Structure (Total Debt/Total Debt+Equity)				
a Leveraging [Funding / (Funding + Shareholders' Equity)]	29%	6%	0%	21%
b (Funding + Off Balance Sheet Exposure) / Shareholders' Equity	41%	6%	0%	26%

Credit Rating

Credit rating reflects forward-looking opinion on credit worthiness of underlying entity or instrument; more specifically it covers relative ability to honor financial obligations. The primary factor being captured on the rating scale is relative likelihood of default.

Scale	Long-term Rating Definition
AAA	Highest credit quality. Lowest expectation of credit risk. Indicate exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments
AA+	
AA	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.
AA-	
A+	
A	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.
A-	
BBB+	
BBB	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.
BBB-	
BB+	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.
BB	
BB-	
B+	
B	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-	
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	Obligations are currently in default.

Scale	Short-term Rating Definition
A1+	The highest capacity for timely repayment.
A1	A strong capacity for timely repayment.
A2	A satisfactory capacity for timely repayment. This may be susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
A3	An adequate capacity for timely repayment. Such capacity is susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial
A4	The capacity for timely repayment is more susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions. Liquidity may not be sufficient.



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- b) Corporate Rating
- c) Debt Instrument Rating
- d) Financial Institution Rating
- e) Holding Company Rating
- f) Independent Power Producer Rating
- g) Microfinance Institution Rating
- h) Non-Banking Finance Companies Rating

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Nature of Instrument	Size of Issue (PKR)	Tenor	Security	Quantum of Security	Nature of Assets	Trustee	Book Value of Assets (PKR mln)
Rated, Privately Placed, Unsecured Commercial Paper ("CP")	-PKR 900mln	180 Days	Unsecured	N/A	N/A	Pak Oman Investment Company Limited	N/A

Name of Issuer	TPL Corp Limited
Issue Date	15-07-2021
Maturity	Six (6) months after issuance

Due Date Principal	Opening Principal	Principal Repayment	Due Date Markup/ Profit	Markup/Profit rate	Days	6M Kibor Plus 275bps	Markup/Profit Payment	Installment Payable	Principal Outstanding
	PKR in mln							PKR in mln	
Issuance									856
15-Jul-21	856	-	10-Jan-22	6 M KIBOR + 2.75%	180	10.40%		-	856
10-Jan-22	856	856		6 M KIBOR + 2.75%		10.40%	44	900	-
		856					44	900	-