

GP Wind (Jangi) Private Limited

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Rating

Instrument	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Non-Convertible Debentures@	289.00 (300.00)	CARE AA-(SO); Stable [Double A Minus(Structured Obligation); Outlook: Stable]	Reaffirmed
TOTAL	289.00 (Two Hundred and Eighty- Nine Crore only)		

Details of instruments in Annexure-1

@ backed by unconditional and irrevocable sponsor support undertaking of Genting Energy Limited and Letter of Comfort from Genting Berhad

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

The rating reaffirmation to Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) of GP Wind (Jangi) Private Limited (GPW) derives significant comfort from the credit enhancement in the form of a robust Trustee monitored Structured Payment Mechanism (SPM) incorporating adequate liquidity reserves combined with an unconditional and irrevocable Sponsor Support Undertaking (SSU) by holding company Genting Energy Limited (100% subsidiary of Genting Berhad) and Letter of Comfort from the ultimate holding company, Genting Berhad. GPW enjoys strong parentage with experienced management team. The SSU is being extended towards funding shortfall arising out of higher than budgeted Operation & Maintenance (O&M) expenses and Tax expenses, and Letter of Comfort from Genting Berhad (ultimate holding company) conveying commitment to maintain indirect majority ownership in GPW are credit strengths.

The rating also factors positively, project's more than six years of operational track record, a 25 -year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam limited ("GUVNL" rated CARE AA-; Stable/CARE A1+) having comfortable credit profile and track record of timely payments along with long term Operation and Maintenance (O&M) agreement with Vestas Wind Technology India Private Limited (VESTAS).

The aforesaid rating strengths are however partially offset by susceptibility of GPW's operating performance to variability in wind patterns and climatic conditions.

The ability of the company to maintain PLFs at a sustainable level, timely receipt of payment from the off-taker, adherence to SPM and variation in the credit profile of the credit enhancement providers constitute the key rating sensitivities.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

Key Rating Strengths

Strong Parentage with experienced management team

GPW has a strong promoter, as the principal shareholder is Green Synergy Holdings Pte Limited, which is a subsidiary of Genting Berhad. The Genting Group comprises the holding company Genting Berhad, its listed subsidiaries Genting Malaysia Berhad, Genting Plantations Berhad and Genting Singapore PLC, as well as its wholly owned subsidiary, Genting Energy Limited. The Group is involved in leisure, hospitality, oil palm plantations, power generation, oil and gas, property development, life sciences and biotechnology activities, with operations spanning across the globe, including in Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, India, China, the United States of America, Bahamas and the United Kingdom.

Credit enhancement in form of Sponsor Support Undertakings

For the issuance of the debentures, Genting Group has provided the following comfort/credit enhancements:

- i. Sponsor Support Undertaking provided by Genting Energy Limited (100% subsidiary of Genting Berhad) which covers the O&M Cost Overrun, Tax Shortfall, Shortfall in debt servicing arising out of higher than budgeted O&M and Tax expenses.
- ii. Letter of Comfort provided by Genting Berhad (the ultimate holding company of Genting Group) for full tenure of NCDs, which further provides support and credit comfort.

Robust Trustee monitored Structured Payment Mechanism

All proceeds of the GPW (whether in respect of the Project or otherwise) is deposited into the escrow account and subject to the waterfall which prioritises payment towards statutory dues, O&M expenses followed by scheduled debt servicing and maintenance of stipulated reserve creations like Debt Service Reserve Account(DSRA) and Refinance Reserve Account (RRA). Payments from the Surplus Account are permissible only once every year post the Company satisfying the Debenture Trustee that no Cash Trap Trigger has been breached (or would be breached as a result of such

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payment). The company maintains DSRA equal to the aggregate of redemption amount and interest payable over a period of succeeding six months and fund Refinance Reserve Account which shall be adequate to cover the last installment in the year FY32.

Operational power project with track record of more than 6.5 years

The operational 91.80 MW capacity of GPW, corresponding to 51 WTGs, was completed at a total cost of Rs. 688 crore. The project was executed by Vestas Wind Technology India Private Limited (VESTAS) on turnkey basis, which is also undertaking O&M. VESTAS has more than 35 years of experience in pioneering wind energy in various markets and has a global reach in 76 countries on six continents. The project was fully commissioned on December 23, 2011. Since then, it has achieved average PLF of 28.73% for the period Jan 2011 - October 2018 as against the P90 level of 23.28%. The company has been consistently achieving PLF of above P50 level.

Long-term PPA entered with GUVNL which has strong financial risk profile and a track record of timely payment

The company has signed a PPA with GUVNL to supply 91.8 MW power for a period of 25 years at Rs.3.56/unit. GUVNL has granted a 'Must-Run' Status to GPW subject to the emergency conditions (Must Run Status shall mean Project shall not be directed by GUVNL to shut down or backed down due to variations in the generation/consumption patterns or any commercial parameters, merit order dispatches or existence/apprehension of any other charges or levies related to dispatch or incidental thereto except Force Majeure Events and Emergency). While GUVNL is the sole buyer of power, it has a healthy financial risk profile, and the tariff is also competitive. In the last 2.5 years, GUVNL has started payments in around 5-7 days from the invoice date, which is well before the due date. Therefore, the off-take/counterparty risk can be considered low, especially given strong credit profile of GUVNL.

Moderate debt coverage indicators

The overall gearing ratio improved from 6.43x in FY16 to 1.76x in FY18 (refers to period between April 01 to March 31), mainly on account of reduction in debt as the company had refinanced the loans with new debt and gains arising from currency swap contract. The company received gains of Rs. 99 crore from unwinding the currency swaps, which was used for debt reduction.

Long term O&M agreement with VESTAS albeit relatively high O & M cost

The company has entered into a 7 year O&M contract commencing October 4, 2010 with VESTAS extendable up to 15 years to avail the services for operating and monitoring the performance of the equipment and maintenance. Recently, Vestas and company had renegotiated the O&M agreement. As per the revised projections shared by the company based on latest renewal quote received from Vestas, the O&M cost in FY20 would be revised to Rs. 25 lakh per WTG (leading to an increase in projected O&M cost from Rs.9.38 crore to Rs. 15 crore in FY20) , with a 5% increase in the cost every year. CARE believes the same is relatively on the higher side compared to other industry players. Nonetheless, in case of any O&M Cost fluctuation beyond the budgeted would be covered by SSU, which reduces the likelihood of cash flow mismatches arising out of fluctuations in O&M cost.

Stable Industry prospects with government impetus on capacity addition; however, concern on delay in revenue realization from Discoms and strengthening of evacuation infrastructure remains

The Indian renewable energy sector is the fourth most attractive renewable energy market in the world. The country ranks fourth in the world in terms of total installed wind power capacity. Encouraging policy framework in renewable energy (RE) sector has resulted in rising share of installed capacity of RE from 5.9% of total energy capacity (approximately 7.7 GW of 132 GW) as on March 31, 2007, to around 21% (approximately 69.02 GW of 327 GW) as on March 31, 2018.. Though FY18 has seen subdued addition to wind capacity addition because of transition from feed-in-tariff-based (FiT) mechanism to auction based mechanism along-with discontinuation of Generation Based Incentive (GBI). However, wind power continues to dominate the share of RE capacity in India at about 34.05 GW as on March 31, 2018, forming around 58% of total RE capacity and is expected to increase to 60GW as the government plans to increase the overall RE capacity to 175 GW by 2022. Given there is continued emphasis by the government to increase capacity addition in the sector, moderation in competitive intensity with the auction based mechanism combined with established technology and faster and modular nature of implementation, the outlook is stable for the wind power sector. Nonetheless, inadequate grid connectivity on account of poor evacuation infrastructure, delays in land acquisition, high wheeling charges and open access charges levied in some states besides the weak financial risk profile of Discoms remain key concerns.

Key Rating Weaknesses

Operating performance highly dependent on climate and wind density

Wind projects are exposed to inherent risk of weather fluctuations leading to variations in the wind patterns which affect the PLF. The wind farms enjoy higher PLF during the months of May-Aug while the period from Sept to Nov witnesses low PLFs. Wind projects are subject to loss in PLF owing to several meteorological phenomena collectively called wind shear.

Magnitude of loss due to wind shear depends on site surrounding ground cover, trees, topographic features such as hills and valleys. The PLF for the wind power generators are inherently low and may fluctuate depending upon the climatic conditions.

Analytical approach:

The analytical approach encompasses assessment of Standalone financials while taking cognizance of sponsor support undertaking from Genting Energy Limited and Letter of Comfort from Genting Berhad.

Liquidity analysis:

As on November 30, 2018, GPW has cash at bank of Rs. 112.71 crore, in the form of fixed deposits (FDs). Out of the said balance in FDs, Rs. 20.49 crore is towards maintenance of DSRA reserve (six months principal and interest) and Rs. 0.50 crore will be utilized towards creating Refinance reserve on December 31, 2018. Further, the company generates cash flow from operations of Rs. 40 crore – Rs. 60 crore per year. The company has to make payment of Rs. 36.6 crore towards principal and interest repayment of debt in the coming financial year.

Applicable Criteria

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About the Company

Incorporated on 13 September 2010, GP Wind (Jangi) Private Limited (GPW) is a special purpose vehicle promoted by Genting Berhad, Malaysia, has set up a 91.8 MW wind based power project at Jangi, Kutch District, Gujarat, India. It is Genting Group's first renewable project in India. The Project consists of 51 Wind Turbine Generators (Vestas V100) with capacity of 1.8MW each, installed with 95m hub height. The project was commissioned between August and December 2011. The Company owns and operates the project, generates and sells electricity generated from the 51 turbines. Commercial Operation Date (COD) of the last Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) was on 23 December 2011. The total cost of the project is Rs. 688 crore with a total debt of Rs. 452 crore and equity of 236 crore i.e. a debt to equity ratio of 1.92x. Thus cost per WTG was at Rs. 13.49 crore and cost per MW was Rs. 7.49 crore.

The Company signed a long term 25 years Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA") with Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam limited ("GUVNL" rated CARE AA-; Stable/A1+) in August and September 2011, where GUVNL undertakes to purchase the entire electricity generated by the Project @ Rs. 3.56/unit expiring in 2036.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY17 (A)	FY18 (A)
Total operating income	106.90	84.94
PBILDT	65.27	29.38
PAT	-1.27	-71.16
Overall gearing (times)	1.88	1.76
Interest coverage (times)	1.81	0.97

A: Audited

Note: The financials are classified as per CARE standards

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating History for last three years: Please refer Annexure-2

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Annexure-1: Details of Instrument

Name of the Instrument	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. crore)	Rating assigned along with Rating Outlook
Debentures- Non Convertible Debentures	August 08, 2017	9.25	August 2032	289.00	CARE AA-(SO); Stable

Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument	Current Ratings			Rating history			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-2019	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-2018	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2015-2016
1.	Debentures- Non-Convertible Debentures	LT	289.00	CARE AA-(SO); Stable	-	1) CARE AA- (SO); Stable (14-Sep-17) 2) Provisional CARE AA- (SO); Stable (26-Jul-17)	-	-

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