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Khidrat Renewable Energy Private Limited : Placed on Rating Watch with Developing Implications

Summary of rating action

Instrument*	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Long term fund-based – Term Ioan	1,410.00	1,410.00 1,410.00 [ICRA] <i>A</i> Develo	
Long term— fund-based/non-fund- based facilities	30.00	30.00	[ICRA]A-; Placed on Rating Watch with Developing Implications
Total	1,440.00	1,440.00	

^{*}Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

Rationale

The rating of Khidrat Renewable Energy Private Limited (KREPL) has been placed on watch with developing implications following confirmation from the company regarding the exit of its sponsor (Statkraft AS) from its India business. The Statkraft Group plans to sell all its hydro and solar assets in India over the coming months, creating uncertainty over the parentage and financial flexibility of KREPL — an important pillar supporting its rating. ICRA understands that the Group has decided to sell its Indian assets and focus on other high-potential markets in the Nordics, Europe and South America to meet its growth targets. This decision has also been driven by the change in strategy to allocate capital to the Group's core business and narrowing investment focus in fewer markets. ICRA will continue to monitor the developments in this regard and will take appropriate action as and when clarity emerges on the new sponsor.

ICRA also notes that the project is in its final stages of commissioning and is expected to be completed by May/June 2025. Further, the estimated revised completion cost for the project of Rs. 1,813.7 crore, which is ~9% lower than the earlier budgeted cost of Rs. 1,999.4 crore, due to a fall in solar module/ engineering procurement and construction costs, and savings in contingency buffers. The advanced stage of commissioning has led to lower execution risks associated with implementing the project.

Please refer to the following link for the previous detailed rationale that captures Key rating drivers and their description, Liquidity position, Rating sensitivities: <u>Click here</u>

Analytical approach

Analytical Approach	Comments		
Applicable rating methodologies	Corporate Credit Rating Methodology Power - Solar		
Parent/Group support	Support from ultimate parent entity – Statkraft AS		
Consolidation/Standalone	The rating is based on the company's standalone financial profile		

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About the company

Khidrat Renewable Energy Private Limited (KREPL, hereinafter referred to as the company) is a private limited company incorporated in India on December 4, 2020, under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013. During the fiscal ended March 31, 2023, Souryamanthan Renewable Energy Private Limited acquired a 100% stake in the company. Statkraft AS is the ultimate holding company of KREPL.

The company is setting up a 445-MW (DC capacity) solar power project in Rajasthan. The project will be connected to the grid through a ~14.7-km 220KV transmission line. The total project cost is estimated at Rs. 1,813.7 crore, being funded with debt: equity of 78:22.

Key financial indicators (audited)

	FY2023	FY2024	9M FY2025*
Operating income	-	-	-
PAT	-5.6	-2.8	-4.9
OPBDIT/OI	-	-	-
PAT/OI	-	-	-
Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times)	-52.6	0.3	6.2
Total debt/OPBDIT (times)	-29.6	-5.9	-194.2
Interest coverage (times)	-0.5	-3.9	-26.5

Source: Company, ICRA Research; All ratios as per ICRA's calculations; Amount in Rs. crore, PAT: Profit after tax; OPBDIT: Operating profit before depreciation, interest, taxes and amortisation* Provisional numbers

Project is under-construction, hence financials are not meaningful

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

	Current (FY2026)		Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years							
	FY2026			FY2025		FY	FY2024		FY2023	
Instrument	ment Type Rated (Rs. crore)		Apr 14,2025	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	
Long term-term loan-fund	Long	1,410.00	ICRA]A-; Rating Watch with	04-JUN-	[ICRA]A-	-	-	-	-	
pased	Term		Developing Implications	2024	(Stable)					
Long term-others-fund	Long	30.00	ICRA]A-; Rating Watch with	04-JUN-	[ICRA]A-	-	-	-	-	
pased/non fund based	Term		Developing Implications	2024	(Stable)					

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator		
Long term fund-based – Term loan	Simple		
Long term- fund-based/non-fund-based facilities	Very Simple		

The Complexity Indicator refers to the ease with which the returns associated with the rated instrument could be estimated. It does not indicate the risk related to the timely payments on the instrument, which is rather indicated by the instrument's credit rating. It also does not indicate the complexity associated with analysing an entity's financial, business, industry risks or complexity related to the structural, transactional, or legal aspects. Details on the complexity levels of the instruments, is available on ICRA's website: Click Here

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Annexure-I: Instrument details

ISIN	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate	Maturity	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	Term loan	March 2024	NA	FY2029	1,410.0	[ICRA]A-; Rating watch with developing implication
NA	Fund- based/non-fund- based Facilities	February 2024	2024 NA NA		20.0	[ICRA]A-; Rating watch with developing implication
NA	Fund- based/non-fund- based facilities	March 2023	NA	NA	10.0	[ICRA]A-; Rating watch with developing implication

Source: Company

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Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis - Not applicable

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