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Aditya Birla Renewables Solar Limited: Rating placed on watch with developing implications

Summary of rating action

Instrument*	Previous rated amount (Rs. crore)	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Rating action	Financial Sector Regulator#
Long term – Fund based – Term loan	216.74	216.74	[ICRA]AA; placed on rating watch with developing implications	RBI
Long term – Non fund based – Bank guarantee	2.00	2.00	[ICRA]AA; placed on rating watch with developing implications	RBI
Total	**218.74**	**218.74**		

**Instrument details are provided in Annexure I*

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Rationale

Material Event

On July 13, 2026, Aditya Birla Renewables Limited (ABRen), the parent company of Aditya Birla Renewables Solar Limited (ABReSL), announced the acquisition of 100% equity shares and securities of Solenergi Power Private Limited (SPPL), along with its subsidiaries, from Shell Overseas Investments B.V., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shell PLC. SPPL is an investment holding company for Sprng Energy Private Limited and Sprng Solar Plus Private Limited. Through its subsidiaries, SPPL owns a contracted renewable energy portfolio of ~5.0 GWp, comprising ~3.3-GWp operational and ~1.7-GWp under-construction capacity. The transaction has been announced at an enterprise value of Rs. 17,200 crore. The final equity consideration payable remains subject to customary adjustments for debt, cash, and other agreed items, as stipulated in the share purchase agreement (SPA). The proposed transaction is subject to the receipt of requisite regulatory approvals and fulfilment of customary conditions precedent under the SPA. The transaction is proposed to be funded through a mix of debt and equity and is expected to be completed on or before December 31, 2026.

Impact of Material Event

The proposed transaction is expected to strengthen ABRen's business profile through a significant increase in its scale and portfolio diversification. Upon completion, ABRen's contracted renewable energy portfolio is expected to increase to ~9.3 GWp from the current ~4.4 GWp, and the proportion of operational capacity within the overall portfolio will also improve. Consequently, the transaction is expected to reinforce ABRen's position as a diversified renewable energy platform with presence across both the utility scale and the commercial & industrial (C&I) segments.

SPPL's portfolio is geographically diversified across Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh (MP), Telangana, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, thereby mitigating geographical concentration risks. Further, long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs) at fixed tariffs are in place for the entire portfolio, with majority of the capacity comprising utility-scale projects. Approximately 81% of the total capacity is contracted with strong counterparties such as Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), NTPC Limited, NHPC Limited, Indian Railways and Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL), while the balance 19% is tied up with the state distribution utilities of MP, Karnataka and Telangana. The diversified counterparty profile, coupled with the long-term nature of the PPAs, is expected to provide revenue visibility for the portfolio. Further, the operational portfolio has demonstrated a satisfactory operational and generation track record, with timely payment realisations across the portfolio, reflecting its healthy operating history. The transaction is also expected to accelerate ABRen's growth strategy through the addition of an established renewable energy platform compared to the relatively longer gestation associated with organic capacity addition.

The rating of ABReSL factors in the implicit support expected from its parent, ABRen, in case of any requirements. Accordingly, following the announcement of the proposed transaction by ABRen, ICRA has placed the long-term rating of the company on watch with developing implications. The rating watch will be resolved upon completion of the proposed transaction and an assessment of its impact on ABRen's business profile.

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

Analytical approach

Analytical approach	Comments
Applicable rating methodologies	Corporate Credit Rating Methodology Power - Solar and Wind
Parent/Group support	Parent Company: Aditya Birla Renewables Limited ICRA expects ABReSL's parent, ABRen, to be willing to extend financial support to ABReSL, should there be a need, given the high strategic importance that ABReSL has for ABRen and out of its need to protect its reputation from distress in a group entity
Consolidation/Standalone	The rating is based on the standalone financial profile of the company.

About the company

ABReSL is an SPV promoted by ABRen (74% stake) and Hindalco Industries Limited (HIL) (26% stake). The company currently has an operational solar capacity of 101.6 MWp in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat. It also has 42.0-MW wind capacity in Gujarat and Karnataka. As of June 30, 2026, it has another 42.3 MW under construction across Maharashtra and Gujarat. The projects are expected to be commissioned in FY2027. With this addition, the total operational capacity of all the projects under ABReSL will reach 185.90 MW.

Key financial indicators (audited)

ABReSL (Standalone)	FY2025	FY2026
Operating income	79.81	89.62
PAT	-14.21	-12.95
OPBDIT/OI	80.09%	77.58%
PAT/OI	-17.81%	-14.45%
Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times)	4.67	4.51
Total debt/OPBDIT (times)	10.14	9.21
Interest coverage (times)	1.20	1.22

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

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

		Current (FY2027)		Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years					
				FY2026		FY2025		FY2024	
Instrument	Type	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	Jul 22, 2026	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating
Fund based - Term loan	Long term	216.74	[ICRA]AA; rating watch with developing implications	Jan 27, 2026	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	Mar 31, 2025	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	-	-
						Jun 28, 2024	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	-	-
Non fund based-Bank guarantee	Long term	2.00	[ICRA]AA; rating watch with developing implications	Jan 27, 2026	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	Mar 31, 2025	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	-	-

Complexity level of the rated instruments

Instrument	Complexity indicator
Long term – Fund based – Term loan	Simple
Long term – Non fund based – Bank guarantee	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 are available on ICRA's website: Click here

Annexure I: Instrument details

ISIN	Instrument name	Date of issuance	Coupon rate	Maturity	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	Current rating and outlook	Financial Sector Regulator#
NA	Term loan – I	June 2021	-	June 2037	105.74	[ICRA]AA; rating watch with developing implications	RBI
NA	Term loan – II	Sept 2021	-	December 2040	22.00	[ICRA]AA; rating watch with developing implications	RBI
NA	Term loan – III	July 2024	-	June 2044	38.00	[ICRA]AA; rating watch with developing implications	RBI
NA	Term loan - IV	July 2024	-	September 2044	51.00	[ICRA]AA; rating watch with developing implications	RBI
NA	Bank guarantee	July 2024	NA	NA	2.00	[ICRA]AA; rating watch with developing implications	RBI

Source: Company

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Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis – Not Applicable

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