



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

Rating Report

OILCO Petroleum (Pvt.) Limited

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Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
19-Sep-2022	A-	A2	Stable	Maintain	-
21-Sep-2021	A-	A2	Stable	Initial	-

Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

Sponsors of Halmore, 225MW combined cycle power plant (AA-, rated by PACRA) operating since 2011, have joined hands with owners of OILCO Petroleum (Pvt.) Limited (OILCO) to promote and grow the business of OILCO in Pakistan. OILCO incorporated in 2013, is engaged in the business of marketing petroleum products and lubricating oils. The Company has sizeable storage capacity available at its disposal. Under the patronage of primarily Halmore sponsors and also other shareholding groups, SEARS Energy DMCC has been established as an energy trading company in Dubai, UAE. SEARS Energy would act as a supplier of petroleum products to OILCO. Sponsors are arranging a sizeable LC (\$15mln) in favor of OILCO, which is a kind of quasi equity to OILCO. The sponsors have an experience of more than two decades of energy sector. This has given them an understanding of the dynamics of the market and enabled them to establish relationships with suppliers and customers. Currently, it has 67 retail outlets and aims to penetrate the retail segment in the growing industry. As against previous plan to utilize a portion of leverage the Company now intends to finance the capex through equity. Currently, OILCO has an adequate financial risk profile. The ratings take comfort from the commitment of sponsors to inject phase-wise equity in order to fund growth plans.

The rating particularly recognizes ongoing developments including i) completion of transformation in shareholding structure, ii) planned expansion iii) equity injection and iv) adoption of a conservative financial matrix. In addition to timely implementation of these initiatives, the ratings are dependent on OILCO's ability to achieve desired market penetration along a supportive supply chain networks and healthy margins.

Disclosure

Name of Rated Entity	OILCO Petroleum (Pvt.) Limited
Type of Relationship	Solicited
Purpose of the Rating	Entity Rating
Applicable Criteria	Methodology Corporate Rating(Jun-22),Methodology Correlation Between Long-term & Short-term Rating Scales(Jun-22),Methodology Rating Modifiers(Jun-22)
Related Research	Sector Study Oil Marketing Companies(Nov-21)
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Profile

Legal Structure Oilco Petroleum (Private) Limited (“the Company or OILCO”) was incorporated on February 27, 2013 under the companies ordinance 1984 (now the Companies Act, 2017).

Background The marketing business of petroleum products was founded by Mian Abdul Majeed (late) in 1968. However, after his demise, Mian Ahsan Majeed continued the business. Afterward, Oilco, was granted permission to establish an Oil Marketing Company (OMC) by Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) in 2017. It is pertinent to mention here that in 2020, Halmore Group entered into a partnership by taking over major stake in the Company.

Operations The Company is engaged in the business of marketing petroleum products and lubricating oils (MS, HSD, HSFO & HOBC). The Company's marketing segment has over 67 retail outlets across Punjab province. The Company's oil storage facilities are situated at 9KM, Farooqabad, Sheikhpura Road, Mouza Jhamky, Dist. Sheikhpura.

Ownership

Ownership Structure The Company is a subsidiary of SEARS Energy, which holds 97.0% shares, 2.0% by Mr. Zaheer Ahmed Ghanghro while 1% of the stake is spread among individuals. SEARS Energy is a joint venture by Halmore Group and Mian Ahsan Majeed with a 66.6% and 33.3% stake, respectively.

Stability Through sponsors, stability remains adequate. There is no formal succession plan is prepared.

Business Acumen The sponsors have strong business skills and industry-specific working knowledge, due to extensive experience in the oil marketing and power industry.

Financial Strength The financial strength of the sponsors is considered strong as the sponsors have well diversified profitable businesses.

Governance

Board Structure The control of the Company vests with a seven-member Board of Directors (BoD) including the CEO. Two directors are representative of SEARS Energy, whereas the remaining five members are non-executive directors.

Members' Profile Oilco's BoD comprises qualified and experienced professionals. Mian Ahsan Majeed is the Chairman of the Board. He brings with him, over 3 decades of experience in the POL marketing industry.

Board Effectiveness The experiences of the board will help guiding the management in developing effective operational and financial policies. There is no Board committee as the Company doesn't comply with Code of Corporate Governance being a private company. There is no independent director on the board.

Financial Transparency The External Auditors of the Company, M/s Grant Thornton Anjum Rahman Chartered Accountants, expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statements for the year end-Jun'21. Moreover, the Company also has an Internal Audit & Quality Assurance Department in place.

Management

Organizational Structure A simplified organizational structure exists in the Company. Operations are segregated into six broad departments, i) Retail, ii) Marketing & Sales, iii) Terminal Operations, iv) HR & Admin, v) Accounts & Finance and vi) Compliance, headed by their respective managers. The entire operational set-up of the Company falls under the purview of the CEO, with each department head directly reports to him.

Management Team The senior management team carries adequate and relevant professional experience. Mian Ahsan Majeed has been the Chief Executive Officer of Oilco since inception, while also serving on the Board as Chairman. He brings with him, extensive experience spanning over 2 decades in the industry.

Effectiveness The CEO meets with relative Head of Departments on daily basis. The discussion agenda includes strategic matters and matters related to ongoing projects (financial & operations). However, minutes of the meetings are not formally documented.

MIS Oilco is using all key modules of SAB-B1 (ERP suite); SAP-BI was implemented in 2018 through M/S Abacus Consulting. The suite is providing a real-time end-to-end integrated solution for all operations including financial, sales and marketing, human capital management. A dedicated team of professionals are placed to maintain and continuously upgrade the information systems according to changing business needs.

Control Environment The Company maintains an adequate MIS which helps management to keep track of all operations and liaison with higher management.

Business Risk

Industry Dynamics Presently, there are 35 registered players operating in the sector with PSO, Total PARCO, HASCOL, Attock Petroleum Limited, Shell Pakistan Limited and Be Energy Pakistan being the major Oil Marketing Companies. With the escalation in global fuel prices coupled with PKR depreciation, OMCs are benefitting from this by passing it to consumers.

Relative Position Oilco has 1% market share as of May'22 on the basis of (MOGAS/HSD/HOBC). The emergence of new players in the OMC sector is causing pressure on white oil segment market share. The big-five OMCs (PSO, Shell, Total PARCO, GO & Attock Petroleum) still retain a large chunk of the market at 80% with PSO dominating at ~47.87% during FY22.

Revenues Following a volatile trend in topline, the Company recorded a decrease in sales growth of 33.5% during FY22 with total sales amounting to PKR 3.4bln as compared to increasing sales growth trend of 178.9% to PKR 2.5bln total sales in the corresponding year of FY21. This increase in sales amount is attributed to a massive surge in oil prices.

Margins The Company's gross margin has shown YoY improvement (FY22: 7.0%, FY21: 5.3%; FY20: -9.2%), driven by a significant increase in volumetric growth coupled with enhancement in OMCs margins by regulatory body. Moreover, timely procurement of raw materials is also a positive factor. Though operating margin showed an improvement (FY22: 2.9%, FY21: 1.8%), however, the admin & general expenses significantly inched up by 62.2% to PKR 133mln (FY21: PKR 82mln). Despite a 9.5% increase in finance cost over the period on account of higher interest rates to finance working capital management, profitability remained robust, with net profit amounting to ~PKR 51mln (FY21: PKR 12mln) while net margin amounted to 1.5% (FY21: 0.5%).

Sustainability Currently, the management of the Company is targeting to obtain a permanent license to run the business of OMC. Earlier, the Company has a provisional license to operate oil marketing activities. Further, the Company is following an expansion strategy and plans to open approximately 67 new retail outlets during FY23. To accommodate expansion, Oilco plans to construct a new depot at Mansehra (KPK).

Financial Risk

Working Capital Working capital requirements are a function of Oilco's inventory for which the Company relies on a mix of internal generation and short-term borrowing. OILCO's net working capital days stood at FY22: 2 days (FY21: 14 days; FY20: 40 days), due to stretching trade payables amounting to PKR 140mln (FY21: PKR 58mln) during FY22. The Company's inventory increased to PKR 330mln in FY22 (FY21: PKR 288mln, FY20: 241mln, FY19: PKR 101mln).

Coverages During FY22, free cashflows surged by 74.6%, driven by strong profitability. Thus, coverages showed YoY improvement, with interest coverage clocking in at 6.3x (FY20: 4.0x; FY19: -6.7x) while core coverage increased to 5.4x (FY20: 3.5x; FY19: -6.8x). A predominant portion of borrowing availed from related parties kept the Company's interest rate exposure amidst the rising interest rate environment quite low.

Capitalization The Company has less percentage of leverage in its capital structure as at end-Jun22. The borrowings of the Company stood at PKR 112mln (end-Jun21: PKR 254mln; end-Jun20: 412) as at end-Jun22. On the other hand, the Company has availed PKR 279mln (end-Jun21: PKR 193mln) from related parties as at end-Jun22.



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Financial Summary
PKR mln

OilCo Petroleum OMC	Jun-22 12M	Jun-21 12M	Jun-20 12M	Jun-19 12M
A BALANCE SHEET				
1 Non-Current Assets	409	442	405	259
2 Investments	-	-	-	-
3 Related Party Exposure	-	-	-	-
4 Current Assets	765	458	759	344
<i>a Inventories</i>	330	288	241	101
<i>b Trade Receivables</i>	185	57	379	28
5 Total Assets	1,175	899	1,164	603
6 Current Liabilities	561	281	594	186
<i>a Trade Payables</i>	140	58	182	26
7 Borrowings	112	254	412	89
8 Related Party Exposure	279	193	-	-
9 Non-Current Liabilities	1	1	-	-
10 Net Assets	222	170	158	328
11 Shareholders' Equity	222	170	158	328
B INCOME STATEMENT				
1 Sales	3,387	2,536	909	1,732
<i>a Cost of Good Sold</i>	(3,149)	(2,402)	(993)	(1,662)
2 Gross Profit	237	134	(84)	71
<i>a Operating Expenses</i>	(140)	(89)	(66)	(43)
3 Operating Profit	97	45	(150)	27
<i>a Non Operating Income or (Expense)</i>	2	4	1	(14)
4 Profit or (Loss) before Interest and Tax	98	49	(149)	13
<i>a Total Finance Cost</i>	(23)	(21)	(21)	(11)
<i>b Taxation</i>	(24)	(16)	-	-
6 Net Income Or (Loss)	51	12	(169)	2
C CASH FLOW STATEMENT				
<i>a Free Cash Flows from Operations (FCFO)</i>	117	67	(119)	47
<i>b Net Cash from Operating Activities before Working Capital Changes</i>	91	52	(135)	34
<i>c Changes in Working Capital</i>	169	190	(26)	(142)
1 Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	259	242	(161)	(108)
2 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Investing Activities	(7)	(206)	(33)	(10)
3 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Financing Activities	(138)	(24)	169	134
4 Net Cash generated or (Used) during the period	114	13	(24)	15
D RATIO ANALYSIS				
1 Performance				
<i>a Sales Growth (for the period)</i>	33.5%	178.9%	-47.5%	65.8%
<i>b Gross Profit Margin</i>	7.0%	5.3%	-9.2%	4.1%
<i>c Net Profit Margin</i>	1.5%	0.5%	-18.6%	0.1%
<i>d Cash Conversion Efficiency (FCFO adjusted for Working Capital/Sales)</i>	8.4%	10.1%	-16.0%	-5.5%
<i>e Return on Equity [Net Profit Margin * Asset Turnover * (Total Assets/Sh</i>	26.2%	7.3%	-69.7%	0.7%
2 Working Capital Management				
<i>a Gross Working Capital (Average Days)</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>b Net Working Capital (Average Days)</i>	2	14	40	1
<i>c Current Ratio (Current Assets / Current Liabilities)</i>	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.9
3 Coverages				
<i>a EBITDA / Finance Cost</i>	6.3	4.0	-6.7	4.8
<i>b FCFO / Finance Cost+CMLTB+Excess STB</i>	1.6	0.3	-0.5	1.7
<i>c Debt Payback (Total Borrowings+Excess STB) / (FCFO-Finance Cost)</i>	4.0	9.0	-2.9	2.4
4 Capital Structure				
<i>a Total Borrowings / (Total Borrowings+Shareholders' Equity)</i>	63.8%	72.4%	72.2%	21.4%
<i>b Interest or Markup Payable (Days)</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	156.6
<i>c Entity Average Borrowing Rate</i>	5.7%	5.9%	7.0%	10.8%

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 conditions.
A4	The capacity for timely repayment is more susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions. Liquidity may not be sufficient.



*The correlation shown is indicative and, in certain cases, may not hold.

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