



The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited

## Rating Report

### Platinum Steel Mill (Pvt.) Limited

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#### Rating History

Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch
15-Nov-2024	BBB	A2	Stable	Maintain	-
16-Nov-2023	BBB	A2	Stable	Upgrade	-
22-Nov-2022	BBB-	A2	Stable	Initial	-

#### Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers

Platinum Steel Mill (Pvt.) Limited ("PSML" or "the Company") is a modern, vertically integrated steel mill that produces high-quality deformed steel rebar. As an emerging player in the southern steel market, PSML's smaller scale presents significant growth potential. The assigned ratings reflect the high business risk inherent in Pakistan's long steel industry, characterized by economic cyclicality, exchange rate fluctuations, international steel price volatility, and competition from unregulated segment. In line with the macroeconomic challenges of FY24, sluggish economic growth led to reduced demand for construction and infrastructure projects—key drivers of steel consumption. This decline in demand led to a 30% reduction in PSML's volumes, down to 10.9mln units in FY24 (FY23: 15.6mln units). However, the topline decreased by approximately 23%, reaching PKR 2,290mln in FY24 (FY23: PKR 3,118mln), supported by favorable retention prices. Margins also improved, benefiting from these retention prices as well as inventory gains from the previous year's raw material buildup. In July 2024, PSML installed a second furnace, raising its total capacity to 100,000 tons per annum, with plans to expand further to 150,000 tons. The new energy-efficient furnace is expected to reduce production costs, and will translate into better margins, going forward. All expansions have been equity-financed, and PSML has no plans for bank borrowings related to new CAPEX expansions, keeping leverage at a comfortable level. PSML's equity base in FY24 remained modest at PKR 1,237mln (FY23: PKR 1,221mln). Enhanced capacities enable PSML, to explore the untapped market and for this purpose management is focusing on improving its distribution channels. PSML has largely relied on internally generated cash for working capital, but a potential rise in demand may lead to an increase in short-term borrowing. Maintaining an optimal capital structure will be crucial if volumes increase. The Company sponsor's diversification into other businesses, including charter shipping, the paint industry, and the "Metalink" scrap business in the UK, enhances confidence in the sponsor's financial resilience. PSML benefits from backward integration in its supply chain through charter shipping and scrap sourcing along with its vertically integrated mill and strategic location at Port Qasim, this provides a competitive edge.

The ratings depend on the Company's ability to grow its market share through increased volume and geographical diversification. Effective and prudent management of financial risk indicators remains essential. As a family-owned and operated business, PSML faces risks associated with a single management and ownership structure. The governance framework is still in its early stages and requires improvement, though the Company is led by capable management. Furthermore, the business remains susceptible to fluctuations in macroeconomic financial indicators.

#### Disclosure

<b>Name of Rated Entity</b>	Platinum Steel Mill (Pvt.) Limited
<b>Type of Relationship</b>	Solicited
<b>Purpose of the Rating</b>	Entity Rating
<b>Applicable Criteria</b>	Methodology   Rating Modifiers(Apr-24),Methodology   Correlation Between Long-term & Short-term Rating Scales(Jul-24),Methodology   Corporate Rating(Jul-24)
<b>Related Research</b>	Sector Study   Steel(Sep-24)
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**Profile**

**Legal Structure** Platinum Steel Mill (Private) Limited ("PSML" or "the Company") is a private limited company incorporated in Pakistan on July 15, 2019 under the Companies Act, 2017. The registered office of the Company is situated at C-49, K.D.A Scheme No.1, Main Karsaz Road, Gulshan Town, Karachi, Pakistan. The Plant is located at Plot-A, 60 Port Qasim Road, Eastern Zone Bin Qasim Town, Karachi, Pakistan. The Company started its operations in June 2021.

**Background** Guided by the visionary foresight of Mr. Masood Tariq Baghpati (late), the founder member of PSML saw an opportunity to establish a modern, vertically integrated steel mill capable of producing high-quality rebar to meet local demand and reduce reliance on imports. The Company's strategic location at Port Qasim provides logistical advantages for importing raw materials and, in the future, accessing export markets.

**Operations** PSML operates a melt shop with a nameplate capacity of 150,000 tons per annum (tpa) and a rolling mill with a capacity of 175,000 tpa. Currently, two melting furnaces are installed, each with an annual capacity of 50,000 tpa, with plans to install a third furnace, which will enable the Company to fully utilize its production capacity. PSML manufactures two main products: (i) steel billets and (ii) rebars, including (a) Grade 60 Deformed Steel bars and (b) Grade 72 Deformed Steel bars, available in sizes from 10mm to 40mm. PSML's product range is branded as Armourmax, Thundermax, and Ultramax, all manufactured under an ISO 9001:2015 certified quality management system.

**Ownership**

**Ownership Structure** The Company is entirely owned by the Baghpati family. Mr. Faisal Baghpati holds 99% of the shares, while the remaining 1% owned by his wife, Ms. Mehreen Faisal.

**Stability** This ownership structure has been maintained since the Company's incorporation, and no changes are expected in the future. However, the concentration of ownership within the Baghpati family raises concerns about key man risk and succession planning, as the entire stake is held by a single family member.

**Business Acumen** The sponsor, Mr. Faisal Baghpati, brings over 15 years of industry experience, demonstrating strong commitment and valuable business knowledge, which is viewed as a key driver of the Company's success. Additionally, his diversification into other ventures—such as charter shipping, the paint industry (Kopak Paints), and the scrap business in the UK (Metalink)—further broadens his expertise.

**Financial Strength** The sponsor's financial strength is considered adequate, with the upfront equity investment in PSML underscoring a strong commitment to support the Company during challenging times.

**Governance**

**Board Structure** The overall control of the Company rests with a two-member Board of Directors (BoD), both members belonging to the sponsoring family. Mr. Faisal Baghpati serves as the key figure in the Company, holding the positions of Chairman and CEO.

**Members' Profile** The Chairman of the Board, Mr. Faisal Baghpati, brings over a decade of experience in managing a successful business, which supports the Board in making timely and effective decisions. Mr. Faisal also serves as a director on the board of Kopak Paints, while the other board member, Ms. Mehreen Faisal, holds the role of Commercial Advisor at Kopak Paints.

**Board Effectiveness** The private companies are required to appoint minimum two directors. The Company ensured the regulatory requirement by appointing two directors. However, the effectiveness of the board could be enhanced by appointing independent directors and establishing board committees.

**Financial Transparency** BDO Ebrahim & Co. Chartered Accountants are the external auditors of the Company. BDO Ebrahim & Co. Chartered Accountants is in 'A' category of SBP list of external auditors and has a satisfactory QCR rating. They have expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2023, and the audit for FY24 is currently in progress.

**Management**

**Organizational Structure** As a newly established company, PSML currently has a lean organizational structure, which is evolving. The team is led by the CEO, who directly oversees operations. The operational heads, including the COO, Head of Sales, Head of Supply Chain, and Manager of Accounts & Finance, all report directly to the CEO.

**Management Team** Mr. Faisal Baghpati is the CEO of the Company and has been associated with it since its inception. The descending tier includes Mr. Rehan Khaliq, who has served as COO since November 2021, and Mr. Obaid-ul-Haq (MBA), who has been serving as Head of Sales since April 2021. Mr. Faisal is supported by a relatively new but experienced team.

**Effectiveness** PSML has six key functions: (i) Marketing, (ii) Accounts, (iii) Production, (iv) Information Technology, (v) Sales, and (vi) Quality Control. Each function is supervised by an experience resource. The CEO provides the strategic direction and ensures that the strategy is successfully translated into business operations by closely monitoring the results.

**MIS** The Company has implemented SAP B1 software, SAP B1 is a single and affordable business management system to manage the entire business from accounting, financials, inventory, sales, warehousing, customer relationships to reporting and analytics. As an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, SAP B1 can streamline key processes to give the management better insights into the business and enable the management to make data-driven business decisions with real time information.

**Control Environment** The Company has established a quality control department that ensures the smooth functioning of both the plants along with maintaining the product quality. In addition, an in-house resource oversees the internal control functions and the day-to-day operations of PSML. However, an experienced internal control department needs to be established to help PSML enhance operational efficiency, ensure compliance, and effectively mitigate risks.

**Business Risk**

**Industry Dynamics** In FY24, the steel sector faced significant challenges due to a slowdown in economic activity, higher inflation, and elevated energy and policy rates. These difficulties have particularly affected several notable players in the long steel sector. During FY24, local steel production was reported at approximately 8.4 million metric tons, reflecting a YoY decline of about 5.6%. Production of billets and ingots (long steel) decreased by 7.5% to around 4.9 million metric tons, while production of coils and plates (flat steel) fell by 2.7% to approximately 3.5 million metric tons. However, going forward, the visible reduction in policy rates, the easing of import restrictions, and improved spending on development projects are expected to enhance demand dynamics in the steel sector.

**Relative Position** Platinum Steel is an emerging player in the southern region, with its smaller scale offering significant growth potential. PSML benefits from backward integration in its supply chain, including charter shipping and scrap sourcing, as well as its vertically integrated mill. Its strategic location at Port Qasim reduces transportation and storage costs, giving the Company a competitive edge. Furthermore, PSML could capitalize on potential opportunities in the export market if they arise in the future.

**Revenues** In FY24, PSML experienced a significant decline in topline, which decreased by approximately 23% YoY, dropping from PKR 3,118mln in FY23 to PKR 2,390mln. This downturn was primarily driven by a reduction in volumes, stemming from decreased demand for construction and infrastructure projects—key drivers of steel consumption. As a result, PSML's volumes were reduced by 30%, falling to 10.9mln units in FY24, compared to 15.6mln units in FY23. However, the decline in volumes was somewhat offset by better retention prices.

**Margins** Despite the decline in revenue, PSML managed to improve its gross profit margin, which increased to 6.8% in FY24, up from 5.7% in FY23. This improvement was driven by better prices, inventory gains from the previous year's raw material buildup, and enhanced operational efficiency. The operating and net margins followed a similar trend, rising to 2% in FY24, up from 1.7% in FY23, while net margins improved to 0.7%, compared to 0.3% in FY23. Additionally, the new energy-efficient furnace is expected to reduce production costs, further contributing to improved margins, going forward.

**Sustainability** PSML is actively working to improve its distribution channels in order to capture growing demand. Previously, the Company focused on the eastern market of Karachi, but now it is targeting the entire Karachi market. Additionally, PSML has expanded its reach to include the city of Hyderabad, which is expected to increase market share and open up new business opportunities.

**Financial Risk**

**Working Capital** In FY24, Platinum Steel's working capital requirements, measured by the net cash cycle in days, were recorded at 68 days, slightly down from 69 days in FY23. To improve liquidity, PSML has strategically shifted its focus towards corporate clients. Additionally, the Company has implemented a strategy for sales that includes an advance payment mechanism. PSML also closely monitors its receivables to reduce bad debts. Currently, the Company manages its working capital solely through internally generated cash. However, with a potential rise in demand, PSML may need to utilize short-term borrowings to support operations.

**Coverages** In FY24, EBITDA showed a slight increase, rising to PKR 254mln compared to PKR 237mln in FY23. Free cash flow from operations (FCFO) also saw notable growth, reaching PKR 234mln, up from PKR 43mln in FY23, primarily driven by high taxes paid in FY23. During FY24, there were no significant bank borrowings, and the Company's major debt consists of interest-free loans from its sponsors. This contributed to strong coverage ratios, driven by minimal finance costs, and is expected to remain robust going forward. As a result, the coverage ratio improved to 20.0x in FY24, up from 6.0x in FY23.

**Capitalization** In FY24, the Company's leverage was approximately 62%, primarily driven by a subordinate loan from the directors, which amounted to PKR 2,013mln, up from PKR 1,938mln in FY23. This subordinate loan is unsecured, interest-free, and repayable on demand. The Company's long-term borrowings were limited to only PKR 22mln (a decrease from PKR 27mln in FY23), accounting for just 2% of the total leverage.



Platinum Steel Mill (Pvt.) Limited Steel	Jun-24 12M	Jun-23 12M	Jun-22 12M	Jun-21 12M
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**A BALANCE SHEET**

1 Non-Current Assets	1,960	2,063	1,932	1,867
2 Investments	-	-	-	-
3 Related Party Exposure	-	-	-	-
4 Current Assets	1,750	2,166	1,638	665
<i>a Inventories</i>	763	1,024	964	387
<i>b Trade Receivables</i>	117	290	117	-
5 Total Assets	3,709	4,229	3,570	2,532
6 Current Liabilities	437	1,044	425	312
<i>a Trade Payables</i>	380	918	370	300
7 Borrowings	22	27	3	-
8 Related Party Exposure	2,013	1,938	1,931	955
9 Non-Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-
10 Net Assets	1,237	1,221	1,211	1,265
11 Shareholders' Equity	1,237	1,221	1,211	1,265

**B INCOME STATEMENT**

1 Sales	2,390	3,118	1,452	3
<i>a Cost of Good Sold</i>	(2,227)	(2,939)	(1,404)	(23)
2 Gross Profit	163	179	48	(20)
<i>a Operating Expenses</i>	(115)	(125)	(74)	(11)
3 Operating Profit	48	54	(26)	(31)
<i>a Non Operating Income or (Expense)</i>	10	3	(9)	2
4 Profit or (Loss) before Interest and Tax	58	57	(34)	(29)
<i>a Total Finance Cost</i>	(12)	(8)	(1)	(1)
<i>b Taxation</i>	(30)	(39)	(18)	(2)
6 Net Income Or (Loss)	16	10	(54)	(32)

**C CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

<i>a Free Cash Flows from Operations (FCFO)</i>	234	43	104	(102)
<i>b Net Cash from Operating Activities before Working Capital Cha</i>	221	35	103	(102)
<i>c Changes in Working Capital</i>	(175)	96	(669)	(0)
1 Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	46	132	(566)	(103)
2 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Investing Activities	(63)	(308)	(245)	(1,688)
3 Net Cash (Used in) or Available From Financing Activities	72	35	980	1,854
4 Net Cash generated or (Used) during the period	56	(142)	169	64

**D RATIO ANALYSIS**

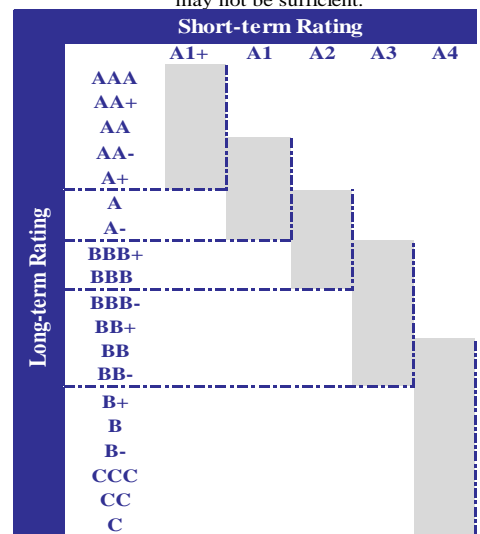
1 Performance				
<i>a Sales Growth (for the period)</i>	-23.3%	114.7%	52179.8%	N/A
<i>b Gross Profit Margin</i>	6.8%	5.7%	3.3%	-738.0%
<i>c Net Profit Margin</i>	0.7%	0.3%	-3.7%	-1135.6%
<i>d Cash Conversion Efficiency (FCFO adjusted for Working Capit</i>	2.4%	4.5%	-38.9%	-3669.1%
<i>e Return on Equity [ Net Profit Margin * Asset Turnover * (Total</i>	1.3%	0.8%	-4.3%	-3.8%
2 Working Capital Management				
<i>a Gross Working Capital (Average Days)</i>	168	144	219	40638
<i>b Net Working Capital (Average Days)</i>	68	69	135	20857
<i>c Current Ratio (Current Assets / Current Liabilities)</i>	4.0	2.1	3.9	2.1
3 Coverages				
<i>a EBITDA / Finance Cost</i>	21.8	32.8	292.6	N/A
<i>b FCFO / Finance Cost+CMLTB+Excess STB</i>	20.0	6.0	193.2	N/A
<i>c Debt Payback (Total Borrowings+Excess STB) / (FCFO-Financ</i>	9.2	54.7	18.7	-9.4
4 Capital Structure				
<i>a Total Borrowings / (Total Borrowings+Shareholders' Equity)</i>	62.2%	61.7%	61.5%	43.0%
<i>b Interest or Markup Payable (Days)</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
<i>c Entity Average Borrowing Rate</i>	0.6%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%

### 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	<b>Highest credit quality.</b> Lowest expectation of credit risk. Indicate exceptionally strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments
AA+	
AA	<b>Very high credit quality.</b> 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	<b>High credit quality.</b> 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	<b>Good credit quality.</b> 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+	
BB	<b>Moderate risk.</b> 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-	
B+	
B	<b>High credit risk.</b> 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	
CC	<b>Very high credit risk.</b> 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.
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.



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