

AMATA B. GRIMM POWER SPV1 LTD.

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CORPORATES

Issue Ratings:

Guaranteed	A-
Outlook:	Stable

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RATIONALE

TRIS Rating affirms the ratings on the guaranteed debentures of Amata B. Grimm Power SPV1 Ltd. (ABPSPV) at “A-” with a “stable” rating outlook. The debentures are jointly and severally guaranteed by three power generation companies: Amata B. Grimm Power 3 Ltd. (ABP3), Amata B. Grimm Power (Rayong) 1 Ltd. (ABPR1), and Amata B. Grimm Power (Rayong) 2 Ltd. (ABPR2). ABP3, ABPR1, and ABPR2 are rated “A-” with “stable” rating outlooks by TRIS Rating. The issue ratings reflect the creditworthiness of ABP3, ABPR1, and ABPR2.

KEY RATING CONSIDERATIONS

Unconditional and irrevocable guarantees

The ratings on ABPSPV’s guaranteed bonds are equal to the ratings on its guarantors, ABP3, ABPR1, and ABPR2. Under the terms of the guarantee, the guarantors will jointly and severally provide unconditional and irrevocable guarantees on all amounts due under the debentures, including the principal amount of up to THB11.5 billion, and interest accrued thereon, and related expenses.

Strong credit profile of the guarantors

The ratings on the guarantors (ABP3, ABPR1, and ABPR2) reflect the predictable cash flows they receive from the long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs) with the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) under the Small Power Producer (SPP) scheme. Each power plant uses proven technology, and their major parent company, B. Grimm Power PLC (BGRIM), also has extensive experience in power generation operation.

ABP3 was established in 2010 to own and operate a cogeneration power plant under the SPP scheme. The plant is located in the Amata City (Chonburi) Industrial Estate (ACCIE), Chonburi province. The power plant has an installed capacity of 132.5 megawatts (MW), plus 30 tonnes per hour of steam. ABP3 holds a 25-year power purchase agreement (PPA) with EGAT, covering 90 MW, and long-term off-take agreements with industrial customers to sell 46 MW of electricity and 13 tonnes per hour of steam.

ABPR1 was established in 2011 to own and operate a cogeneration power plant under the SPP scheme. The plant is located in the Amata City (Rayong) Industrial Estate (ACRIE), Rayong province. The power plant has an installed capacity of 123.3 MW, plus 30 tonnes per hour of steam. ABPR1 holds a 25-year PPA with EGAT, covering 90 MW, and long-term off-take agreements with industrial customers to sell 17 MW of electricity and 14 tonnes per hour of steam. In 2020, ABPR1 signed a 15-year PPA of 16 MW capacity with a new industrial user in ACRIE. The company expects to dispatch electricity in May 2021.

ABPR2 was established in 2011 to own and operate a cogeneration power plant under the SPP scheme. The plant is located in ACRIE, Rayong province. The power plant has an installed capacity of 124.4 MW, plus 30 tonnes per hour of steam. ABPR2 holds a 25-year PPA with EGAT, covering 90 MW, and long-term off-take agreements with industrial customers to sell 24 MW of electricity and 14 tonnes per hour of steam.

RATING OUTLOOK

The “stable” rating outlook mirrors the “stable” outlooks of the ratings assigned to ABP3, ABPR1, and ABPR2.

RATING SENSITIVITIES

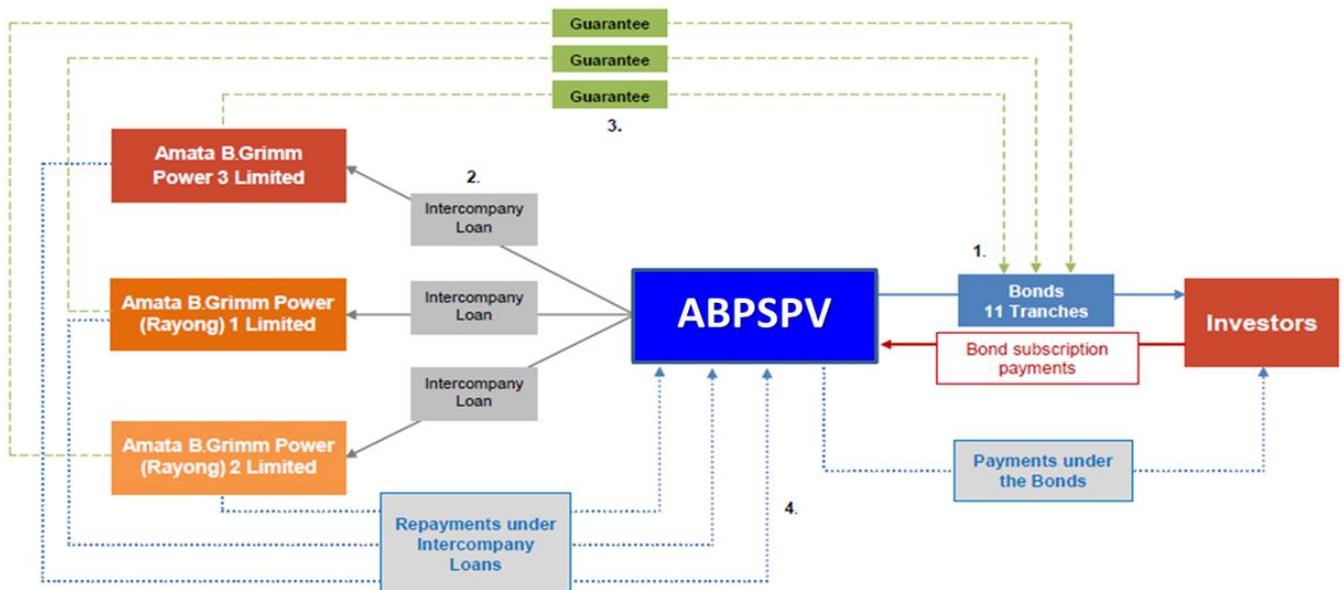
The issue ratings on ABPSPV’s guaranteed bonds may change if the ratings on any of its guarantors, ABP3, ABPR1, and ABPR2, change.

COMPANY OVERVIEW

ABPSPV was incorporated in 2011 with paid-up capital of THB2 million as a vehicle to issue debt securities for the three power producers which BGRIM owns. ABPSPV is owned by ABP3, ABPR1, and ABPR2, each with an equal stake of 33.33%. ABPSPV was created with the sole objective to issue guaranteed debentures of up to THB11.5 billion in 2017. The proceeds from the debentures were lent to ABP3, ABPR1, and ABPR2 so that each company could refinance outstanding project loans and gain some working capital.

ABPSPV operates no business. Thus, the cash needed to repay the debenture holders will come from the interest and principal repayments received from ABP3, ABPR1, and ABPR2. ABPSPV has inter-company loan agreements with each power generation company. The repayment schedules of the inter-company loans match the repayment schedules for the debenture holders.

Chart 1: ABPSPV’s Transaction Structure



1. ABPSPV issues bonds and sells to investors.
2. ABPSPV lends the proceeds from issued bonds to each project company.
3. Each project company jointly and severally guarantees the bonds.
4. ABPSPV receives interest income and principal repayments for the inter-company loans from the project companies and makes payments for the maturing bonds.

Source: ABPSPV

FINANCIAL STATISTICS AND KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS OF THE GUARANTORS
Table 1: Amata B. Grimm Power 3 Ltd. (ABP3)
Unit: Mil. THB

	-----Year Ended 31 December -----			
	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total operating revenues	3,074	2,980	2,825	2,739
Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)	525	557	580	486
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA)	759	791	814	721
Funds from operations (FFO)	604	636	641	538
Adjusted interest expense	150	151	172	180
Capital expenditures	17	7	9	13
Total assets	5,917	5,830	5,730	5,241
Adjusted debt	2,629	2,811	2,496	3,039
Adjusted equity	1,637	1,590	1,615	1,482

Table 2: Amata B. Grimm Power (Rayong) 1 Ltd. (ABPR1)
Unit: Mil. THB

	-----Year Ended 31 December -----			
	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total operating revenues	2,571	2,606	2,552	2,626
Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)	442	511	514	527
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA)	662	728	731	741
Funds from operations (FFO)	492	559	520	526
Adjusted interest expense	162	163	211	215
Capital expenditures	2	22	19	59
Total assets	5,873	5,815	5,852	5,407
Adjusted debt	2,886	3,038	2,790	2,991
Adjusted equity	1,467	1,495	1,463	1,341

Table 3: Amata B. Grimm Power (Rayong) 2 Ltd. (ABPR2)
Unit: Mil. THB

	-----Year Ended 31 December -----			
	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total operating revenues	2,731	2,605	2,598	2,406
Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)	506	501	559	429
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA)	737	730	788	659
Funds from operations (FFO)	575	568	573	458
Adjusted interest expense	161	162	216	201
Capital expenditures	8	7	4	2
Total assets	5,989	5,920	5,898	5,511
Adjusted debt	2,606	2,996	2,920	3,043
Adjusted equity	1,549	1,538	1,512	1,378

RELATED CRITERIA

- Rating Methodology – Corporate, 26 July 2019
- Key Financial Ratios and Adjustments, 5 September 2018
- Group Rating Methodology, 10 July 2015

Amata B. Grimm Power SPV1 Ltd. (ABPSPV)**Issue Ratings:**

ABPSPV214A: THB600 million guaranteed debentures due 2021	A-
ABPSPV224A: THB1,500 million guaranteed debentures due 2022	A-
ABPSPV234A: THB900 million guaranteed debentures due 2023	A-
ABPSPV244A: THB900 million guaranteed debentures due 2024	A-
ABPSPV264A: THB1,000 million guaranteed debentures due 2026	A-
ABPSPV274A: THB1,500 million guaranteed debentures due 2027	A-
ABPSPV284A: THB800 million guaranteed debentures due 2028	A-
ABPSPV294A: THB1,000 million guaranteed debentures due 2029	A-
ABPSPV304A: THB600 million guaranteed debentures due 2030	A-
ABPSPV324A: THB900 million guaranteed debentures due 2032	A-

Rating Outlook:

Stable

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