

BOUND AND BEYOND PLC

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CORPORATES

Company Rating: BB
CreditAlert: Negative

Last Review Date: 09/02/24

Company Rating History:

Date	Rating	Outlook/Alert
07/02/23	BB	Stable
08/02/21	BB	Negative
08/01/20	BBB-	Negative
08/02/19	BBB-	Stable

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RATIONALE

TRIS Rating places the “BB” credit rating on Bound and Beyond PLC (BEYOND) on CreditAlert with a “negative” implication, following BEYOND’s involvement in a cadmium waste incident. The incident presents potential legal risk for BEYOND and may have potential negative implications in relation to the company’s Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) management.

BEYOND was involved in a recent incident concerning the sale and transport of cadmium waste. The company entered into a cadmium waste sales and purchase agreement with J & B Metal Company Limited on 30 May 2023. Under the cadmium waste sales and purchase agreement, J & B Metal is solely responsible for obligation to transport and dispose of the waste in accordance with rules and regulations of authorities. The company, on behalf of J & B Metal, obtained permission from Tak Provincial Industry Office to transport the waste from its landfill in Tak Province to J & B Metal’s smelting factory in Samut Sakhon. However, after the cadmium waste was excavated and transported to Samut Sakhon, the intended disposal of the waste by J & B Metal did not occur. Authorities discovered the cadmium waste scattered across various locations in Samut Sakhon, Chonburi, and Bangkok.

While immediate financial impacts from costs related to the transport and reburial of the cadmium waste, and possible delays in sales of the land plots in Tak, are expected to be manageable, potential development of the situation could be a cause for concern.

TRIS Rating will closely monitor the situation and resolve the CreditAlert once there is a clearer understanding of the legal and ESG risks, for a thorough evaluation of the incident’s impact on BEYOND’s credit profile.

RELATED CRITERIA

- Corporate Rating Methodology, 15 July 2022
- Key Financial Ratios and Adjustments for Corporate Issuers, 11 January 2022
- Issue Rating Criteria, 15 June 2021

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