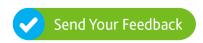


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TURKIYE SISE VE CAM FABRIKALARI A.S.

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Long Term Rating	B2
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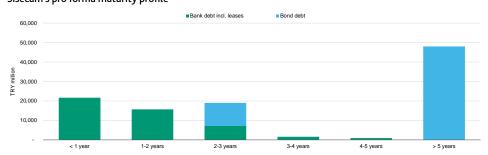
Sisecam UK Plc.

Bond tap issuance further reduces refinancing risk but gross debt increase delays deleveraging

On 14 May, <u>Turkiye Sise ve Cam Fabrikalari A.S.</u> (Sisecam, B2 positive) announced the completion of its \$400 million eurobond tap on its recently issued \$500 million senior unsecured notes due 2029 and \$600 million senior unsecured notes due 2032 both issued by Sisecam UK Plc. The tap increased the 2029 notes by \$175 million and increased the 2032 notes by \$225 million.

Sisecam will use the proceeds to refinance short-term Turkish lira-denominated debt and to improve its liquidity position. The transaction reduces refinancing risk (Exhibit 1) but will increase total reported debt in 2024 under our forecast to more than TRY115 billion (or \$3.5 billion at a TRY32/USD foreign exchange rate) from TRY90 billion (\$3.0 billion) at year-end 2023.

Exhibit 1
Refinancing risks decrease with the 2029 and 2032 notes issuance
Sisecam's pro forma maturity profile



Sources: Company information and Moody's Ratings

The company's credit metrics will remain strong within the B2 rating category despite the \$400 million notes tap (Exhibit 2). Since part of the \$400 million tap will be used to repay expensive short term maturities, there will be no material change in the company's overall interest payment. This is because coupon payments for the tapped notes tightened to 7.5% from 8.25% for the 2029 notes and to 8.0% from 8.625% for the 2032 notes, which compares favorably to borrowings in Turkish lira that bear higher interest rates. However, the increase in total reported debt will delay deleveraging.

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Debt / EBITDA (LHS) ■ EBITA / Interest Expense (RHS) 4.0x 8.0x 3.5x 7.0x 3.0x 6.0x 2.5x 5.0x 2.0x 4.0x 3.0x 1.5x 1.0x 2.0x 0.5x 1.0x 0.0x O Ox 2022 2023 2024F

Exhibit 2
Sisecam's credit metrics remain adequate for its rating despite high capex and foreign currency volatility

All figures and ratios are calculated using Moody's estimates and standard adjustments. Sources: Company information and Moody's Ratings estimates

The \$400 million tap on 2029 and 2032 notes together with the April issuance of \$1.1 billion notes improved the company's liquidity position, which it will use to finance high capital investment requirements for its capacity expansion projects. Sisecam is expanding its production capacity globally and will have more than \$2.2 billion in capital expenditure (on a Moody's-adjusted basis) between 2024 and 2026. The company's investments carry a degree of execution risk through the construction and development of mines as well as new manufacturing facilities and will contribute to negative free cash flow generation over the same period.

Sisecam will retain a solid financial profile. The company's average Moody's-adjusted debt/EBITDA has been below 3.0x for the past five years despite currency depreciation that substantially increased the Turkish lira value of its foreign-currency-denominated debt. The \$1.5 billion notes issuance (aggregate of the original \$1.1 billion and \$400 million issuance) will raise Sisecam's Moody's-adjusted leverage above 3.0x this year from 2.4x at year-end 2023. However, we expect the company to sustain its Moody's-adjusted debt/EBITDA below 3.0x thereafter, while its Moody's-adjusted interest cover (measured as Moody's-adjusted EBITA over interest expense) will remain close to 2.5x.

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