

ENVOLT Limited ("ENVOLT")
11 September 2023

Ratings

Facility/Instrument	Amount (MUR Million)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Bank Facility	138	CARE MAU A-(SO)*; Stable [Single A Minus (Structured Obligation); Outlook: Stable]	Reaffirmed
Proposed Bond Issue – Green Bond II	510 (Enhanced from MUR 500M)	CARE MAU BBB+; Stable [Triple B Plus; Outlook: Stable]	Reaffirmed

**The Structured Obligation rating is on account of the waterfall mechanism, ringfencing the operational cash flow of the MSDG I project phase to be utilised towards the debt servicing and operational expenses of the MSDG I phase till the MSDG II phase comes into operations.*

Rating Rationale

The rating assigned to the bond issue and bank facility of ENVOLT Limited (ENVOLT) derives strength from the strong and resourceful promoter group, ENL Limited providing reasonable assurance and support, satisfactory operational track record of the existing solar facilities which is in line with the P-90 estimates, long-term revenue visibility with the 20-year lease agreement with clients and experienced operation and maintenance contractor in the field of renewable energy. The rating also considers the diversified client portfolio having a comfortable credit risk profile, increasing demand for renewable energy in Mauritius, comfortable collection period and adequate liquidity level.

The rating is, however, constrained by the execution risk pertaining to the project under development, exposure to climatic and technology risks affecting the operational performance adversely, leveraged capital structure due to debt funded CAPEX and regulatory risks.

Rating Sensitivities:

Positive Factors - Factors that could lead to positive rating action/upgrade:

- Actual generation levels better than P-90 estimates on consistent basis
- Satisfactory receivable cycle on a sustained basis to ensure strong liquidity position
- Ability to maintain strong financial and operational performance

Negative Factors - Factors that could lead to negative rating action/downgrade:

- Lower power generation below P90 levels
- Higher system degradation and production losses thus impacting revenue
- Weakening of the credit profile of key counterparty

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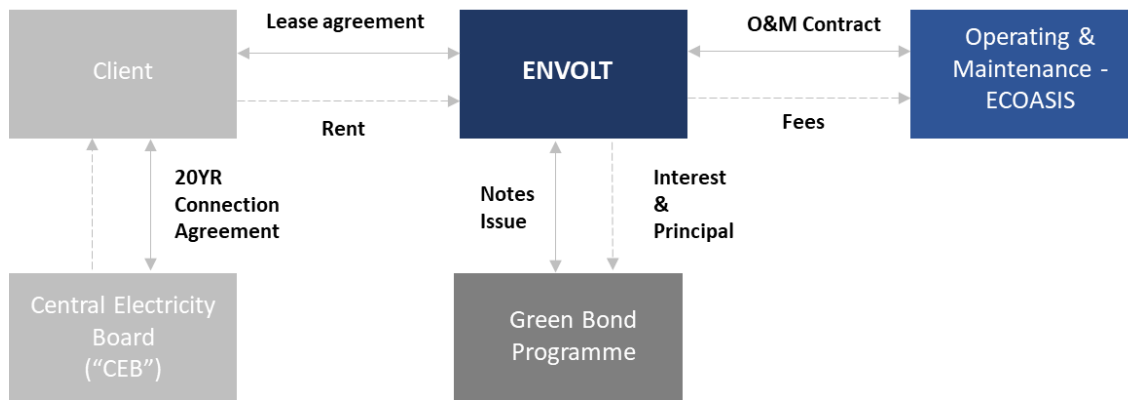
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BACKGROUND

ENVOLT Limited (“ENVOLT” or the “Company”) was incorporated in 2013 with the objective of providing tailor-made renewable energy solutions. It is specialized in the installation and operation of rooftop and ground mounted solar photovoltaic (“Solar PV”) facilities. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of ENL Limited (“ENL” or the “Group”) rated CARE MAU A+; Stable.

ENVOLT, pioneered by ENL as part of its green initiatives, started its operations in 2019 with 5 rooftops solar projects and, with group entities as clients namely Ascencia Limited (CARE MAU AA-; Stable) and Oficea Company Limited (CARE MAU A; Stable). The portfolio was further expanded to 10 rooftops solar PV installations and to date, the Company operates facilities having a total capacity of 4,104 kw under the Medium-Scale Distributed Generation (MSDG) Renewable Energy (RE) I Scheme.

Business Model: As part of its operational mechanism, ENVOLT enters into a lease agreement with its clients for the setting up of a solar photovoltaic electricity generation system either rooftop or ground mounted. ENVOLT will be responsible for all downstream activities from solar PV system financing, installation, operation, and maintenance and incur all upfront costs associated with the solar PV plant. Under the lease agreement, a pre-agreed monthly rental will be payable to ENVOLT. The clients will also have a connection agreement with the CEB under the MSDG scheme for the generation of the solar energy. ENVOLT has in place an O&M contract for each facility for the proper maintenance and optimization of the systems.



CEB MSDG Scheme: The CEB has in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities introduced the MSDG scheme. The aim of this scheme is to offer the opportunity to medium-sized power producers to install and produce their own renewable energy which will be interconnected with the CEB’s grid. The producers generating electricity using solar or wind energy sources will be able to offset their monthly energy imported from the CEB’s grid with the energy generated by their MSDG RE installations and exported to the grid. In each billing period, prior to billing and invoicing of the electricity consumption, energy imported (Kwh) shall be reduced by the balance of energy exported. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the scheme, as from the COD of the solar PV system, all the energy (kwh), as metered, produced and exported to the CEB grid shall be valued at a Feed-In-Tariff.

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Brief Snapshot of ENVOLT's portfolio

Particulars	Details	
	<i>Existing Facility</i>	<i>New development</i>
Capacity (Kw)	4,104	14,352
EPC Contractor	Ecoasis Energy Solutions Ltd	
O&M	Ecoasis Energy Solutions Ltd	
Operational Performance	P90 Estimates	
Solar PV Module Supplier	Suntech Power or an equivalent Tier PV manufacturer	
Inverter Supplier	Solaredge	
Lease Agreement	A lease of 20 years has been signed with the Clients	
Connection Agreement	A 20- year connection agreement signed between the Client and the CEB	
Feed-In-Tariff Rate	Floating Rate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running Charge for commercial and bulk consumers – MUR 7.82 per kwh Running Charge for commercial and bulk consumers with total declared load exceeding 500Kva – MUR 7.46 kwh 	Fixed at MUR 4.20 per Kwh

CREDIT RISK ASSESSMENT

Strong and resourceful promoter group

ENVOLT is a wholly owned subsidiary of ENL Limited - ENL group (ENL Limited & its subsidiaries) is one of the largest conglomerates in Mauritius and is listed on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius with market capitalization of MUR 7.5 billion (April 2023). The ENL group develops and manages a portfolio of more than 100 operating companies engaged in diverse industries such as agriculture, land, real estate, hospitality, logistics, fintech, commerce and manufacturing. Agriculture, land, and property are the major business segments of ENL.

Financial Summary for ENL Group

MUR 'Million

ENL Limited (Consolidated)	FY20	FY21	FY22
For the Year ended / As at June 30,	12m, A	12m, A	12m, A
Total Operating Income	14,362	12,842	17,816
EBITDA	1,083	974	2,448
Reported PAT	(1,050)	(1,069)	1,601
Tangible Net Worth	38,883	39,485	42,028
Total Debt	26,012	28,517	29,480
Cash and Bank	3,260	4,655	5,245

ENVOLT is managed by ENL property which is headed by Mr. Johan Pilot who is the Chief Executive Officer. He is a professional accountant who joined ENL as a Finance Manager in 2007 (previously worked for PWC Mauritius). In 2015, he took the leadership of ENL Property which manages the group's land bank and residential & office developments. Mr. Johan works alongside Mr. Amaury Koenig, Head of Finance for ENL Property. Mr. Amaury has a master's in finance and an MBA and has previously worked as a Group Business Analyst for Eclasia Group. Both act as directors of ENVOLT along with Mr. Hector Espitalier-Noel and Mr. Thierry Rey.

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Strong and Diversified Portfolio

ENVOLT was created by ENL group with the idea of foraying into the renewable energy sector to service its clients with a clean and sustainable energy source. The Company started operating in 2019 with the launch of a rooftop solar project at Phoenix Mall. With a view to expanding its portfolio, ENVOLT has in the same year extended its service offering to other entities under the real estate segment of ENL. As such, the Company has successfully followed with the setting up of solar projects at Les Allees d'helvetia Shopping Centre, Kendra Commercial Centre, Mall of Mauritius, Bagatelle, ENL House Ltd and Vivea Business Park (Building 1827). In the subsequent years, 2020 and 2021, ENVOLT further expanded its portfolio in the hospitality segment to include 4 hotels namely Trou aux Biches Hotel, Victoria Hotel, Paradis Hotel and Le Mauricia Hotel, all operating under the umbrella of the New Mauritius Hotels Limited

Client		Commercial Operation Date	Capacity (Kw)	Size of PV Coverage (Sqm)	Production (Kwh) at 30 June 2022
Ascencia Limited	Phoenix Mall	Jul-19	730	8,760	1,125,205
	Les Allees d'helvetia Shopping Centre	Jul-19	49	588	75,253
	Kendra Commercial Centre	Jul-19	190	2,280	243,106
	Mall of Mauritius, Bagatelle	Jul-19	2,000	24,000	2,755,591
Officea Company Limited	ENL House Ltd	Jul-19	66	792	92,649
	Vivea Park Building	Jul-19	49	588	72,151
New Mauritius Hotels Limited	Trou aux Biches Hotel	Nov-20	430	10,965	582,956
	Victoria Hotel	Nov-20	180	4,590	256,122
	Paradis Hotel	Dec-20	213	5,432	324,226
	Le Mauricia Hotel	Oct-21	197	5,202	169,063
Total			4,104	63,207	5,696,322

As part of its growth strategy, ENVOLT is planning a major ramp up in its energy production capacity with the expansion of its existing portfolio to integrate an additional capacity of 14,352 Kw by targeting mainly commercial properties comprising retail, land, office, and hotel. More than half of the new portfolio (55%) fall under the ownership of ENL and 3 of them are A-rated entities while the remaining (45%) are major hospitality players on the Mauritian market. The construction of the new facilities will be phase-wise, and the new development will operate under the MSDG II scheme, with expected construction cost of around MUR 664 million.

Client		Capacity (kw)	Scheduled COD
Ascencia Limited	Bagatelle Home & Leisure, Mall of Mauritius, Bagatelle	499	Feb-24
	Riche Terre Mall	2,000	May-24
	Bo'Vallon Shopping Mall	1,200	Apr-24
Moka City Ltd	Helvetia	2,000	Sep-24
	Helvetia	2,000	May-25
Rogers Hospitality Operations Ltd	Heritage Awali	2,000	Jan-25
	Heritage Telfair	2,000	Mar-25

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Client		Capacity (kw)	Scheduled COD
New Mauritius Hotels Limited	Dinarobin Gold Resort & Spa	1,493	Dec-24
	Shandrani Resort & Spa	735	Dec-24
	Plaisance Catering	293	Apr-24
Officea Company Limited	The Pod, Vivea Business Park	49	Oct-24
	Gardens of Bagatelle, Bagatelle	49	Oct-24
	The Factory, Vivea Business Park	34	Nov-24
Total Capacity (Kw)		14,352	

Satisfactory clients risk profile

Ascencia Limited: Ascencia Limited ("Ascencia"), rated CARE MAU AA-; Stable, is a subsidiary of ENL Limited and is the largest listed retail property company in Mauritius. Its primary activities include acquisition, investment, and management of prime real estate. Ascencia's portfolio of assets comprises the largest shopping malls of the island with a total of 134,653 square meters (sqm) shopping space. Ascencia currently operates 7 malls in prime locations having an average occupancy rate of 97% and average monthly footfall of around 1,738,094 at June 2022.

Financials of Ascencia Limited (Consolidated)

MUR 'Million

Years	FY20	FY21	FY22
Total Income	1,360	1,362	1,566
EBITDA	858	841	932
Profit After Tax	407	958	1,006
Tangible network	8,100	8,746	9,314
Total debt	4,681	6,124	6,375

Moka City Limited: Moka City Limited ("Moka City"), rated as CARE MAU A+ (Stable), was founded on July 18, 2016, and is a subsidiary of ENL Property Ltd. (60.89% stake) - which is a 100% subsidiary of ENL Limited. The remaining stake is held by Swan Life Ltd. (18.50%), The National Savings Fund (5.84%) and others. Moka City is engaged in the development of Moka region under the Government-sponsored Smart City Scheme. As part of its land development, Moka City has sold 44 plots in Helvetia which generated a cash inflow of MUR 170 million in FY19. To date, an area of 192 arpent and land value of MUR 1,107 is held by Moka City at Helvetia.

Financials of Moka City Limited

MUR 'Million

Years	FY20	FY21	FY22
Turnover	357	553	1,125
EBITDA	(13)	53	(13)
Profit After Tax	(54)	4	(188)
Tangible Net Worth	5,666	5,924	5,433
Total Borrowings	212	757	1,254

Officea Limited: Officea Limited ("Officea") was founded in 2010 and is a subsidiary of ENL Property Limited. (76.69% stake) - which is a 100% subsidiary of ENL Limited. The remaining stake is held by Swan Life Ltd. (15.77%) and others. Officea is an income yielding property fund holding a portfolio of office properties which is underpinned by MUR-denominated medium to long term leases with high quality corporate tenants. As on May 31, 2022, Officea has a portfolio

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of 31,974 sqm of gross leasable office area (GLA) into operations with 92% occupancy generating rental of around MUR 200 million annually.

Financials of Officea Limited

MUR 'Million

Years	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22
Turnover	202	200	233
EBITDA	120	121	123
Profit After Tax	44	298	79
Tangible Networth	1,434	1,840	2,515
Total Debt	710	708	1,434

New Mauritius Hotel Ltd: The New Mauritius Hotels limited ("NMH") is a publicly traded company listed on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius since 1994 and operates under the trading name of Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels. The hotel group was established in 1952 and is one of the oldest hotel groups in Mauritius. It has now become a leading player in the hospitality industry offering a portfolio of luxury resorts, budget-friendly hotels, and villas with about 2,148 rooms. While most of the revenue of NMH is generated from its hotel operations segment, it also has other business lines including tour operations, flight and inland catering. NMH manages 8 hotels in Mauritius having prime locations, 1 in Seychelles (leased to a third party) and 1 in Morocco (operated via a management contract with the Fairmont/Accor Group). The major shareholders of NMH comprises Rogers and Company Limited (22.93%), ENL Limited (15.25%), Swan Life Ltd (10.58%) and Joseph René Herbert Maingard COUACAUD (6.35%).

Financials of NMH Ltd (Consolidated)

MUR 'Million

Years	FY20	FY21	FY22
Revenue	5,633	1,137	8,115
EBITDA	762	(1,991)	1,709
PAT	(686)	(3,130)	45
Tangible Net Worth	5,879	4,781	8,004
Debt	16,961	20,656	18,006
Ratios			
PAT Margin	(12%)	(275%)	0.6%
Overall gearing	2.9x	4.3x	2.2x

Rogers Hospitality: Rogers hospitality forms part of Rogers Group, which is an international Mauritian group, established since 1899 and listed on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius. Rogers Hospitality integrates resorts & hotels, restaurants and leisure and it has 74 years of presence in Mauritius. It operates a mix of resorts, hotels, residences & guest houses (in all 10), 2 golf courses and 3 destination restaurants. Rogers hospitality has two flagship hotels namely Veranda resorts and Heritage resorts.

Rogers hospitality main revenue stream comes from its hotel's operations and whereby Heritage hotels have considerably contributed to this positive performance.

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Financial Summary of Rogers Hospitality

MUR 'Million

Years	FY21	FY22
Revenue	869	2,858
EBITDA	(1,609)	699
PAT	(1,973)	406

Consistent revenue flow from existing portfolio and comfortable collection period

ENVOLT's main revenue stream is derived from the operations of its solar PVs, and it has over the past 2 years had a steady revenue flow from its clients. Along with the fully contractual lease agreement of 20 years and long-term connection agreement with the CEB, the revenue risk of the Company appears to be relatively low.

Revenue Details

Sites	30 June 2021	% of Revenue	30 June 2022	% of Revenue	31 Jan 2023 (6 months)	% of Revenue
	MUR 'Million	%	MUR 'Million	%	MUR 'Million	%
Ascencia Limited	10.9	76	19.4	74	11.6	71
Oficea Company Limited	0.8	5	0.8	4	0.5	3
New Mauritius Hotels Limited	2.7	19	6.2	23	4.1	26
Total	14.4	100	26.4	100	16.2	100

Under the Ascencia's portfolio, Mall of Mauritius, Bagatelle, led the revenue generation and accounted for 48% at June 2022. The drop in revenue in the year 2021 is on the back of refurbishment of the rooftop whereby the facility was not operational during the period of October 2020 to March 2021. During this period, it has been confirmed that interest on the existing loan has however been paid thus showing Ascencia's ability to repay its debts in the event of a temporary deferment of its solar PV operations.

The facilities under Oficea comprising ENL House Ltd and Vivea Park Building are of small-scale capacity of 115 kw hence the joint revenue as at 30 June 2022 was at 0.8 million representing only 4% of the Company's total revenue. The trade receivables in the year 2021 reached MUR 0.06 million representing less than 1% of the total revenue but has spiked to MUR 0.84 million in the year 2022, mainly explained by timing difference for payment.

In the year 2021, as a result of the country-wide lockdown, the rolling out of the PV systems at NMH's hotels was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as the hotel facilities were being used as quarantine centers. Given the phase-wise launching, the facilities at the hotels were not operating on a full-scale basis, hence reflecting a lower turnover figure. However, it has been confirmed by management that even during COVID-19 period, NMH has managed and continued to endow rental payments to the Company. The trade receivables figure for NMH stood at MUR 0.9 million in the year 2021 and this has been improved to 0.2 million in the year 2022. As at 30 June 2022, Ascencia's share of revenue accounted for 74%, followed by NMH with 23% and Oficea contributing to 4%.

Operational Performance

The operational performance is highly dependent on the reliability and volatility of the renewable resource in the form of sun radiation, thus creating a resource risk that can affect the optimum energy output. ENVOLT currently operates with a

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P90 estimates energy capacity and the capacity utilization factor (CUF) was at 15% at January 2023. In Mauritius, generally the average amount of sunshine per day is around 7 hours and the photovoltaic power potential is at around 4 hours daily, but these parameters are subject to seasonality and respective regions.

Monthly Capacity Utilization Factor

Months	CUF
Feb-22	14%
Mar-22	17%
Apr-22	16%
May-22	15%
Jun-22	13%
Jul-22	14%
Aug-22	16%
Sep-22	18%
Oct-22	18%
Nov-22	18%
Dec-22	19%
Jan-23	15%

The CUF is largely dependent on the capacity and reliability of the solar PV system but also factors in the seasonal variations. The table above displays data on the CUF of ENVOLT in the last 12 months. It can be observed that the trend in the CUF was volatile by months which is due to the changes in weather conditions. As from May 2022 to September 2022, a drop in the CUF has occurred due to the winter season. As the island gradually transitions to summer season, CUF started to pick up to 16% in August 2022 and ultimately to 18% in September and October. In addition, the first two months of the year are regarded as the wettest whereby the country is hit by cyclones and rainfalls as can be observed in January 2023 which has experienced severe rainfall and has impacted the CUF thus dropping to 15%.

Construction Risk

The new facilities which will operate under the framework of the MSDG II scheme will be developed in phases and the total construction cost will amount to MUR 664 million. The management has set a development budget for the new projects, but it has however safeguarded a shortfall guarantee from ENL in the event of cost overruns.

Breakdown of Construction Cost

MUR

'Million

Construction Phase	Capacity (Kw)	Project Value	Inter Connection Cost	Capitalised Interest	Total Cost
Phase 1	5,992	256	7	13	276
Phase 2	6,228	267	10	11	288
Phase 3	2,132	92	3	5	100
Total	14,352	615	20	29	664

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For the development of the new facilities, ENVOLT will be required to go through a series of procedures from approvals, procurement to equipment delivery, site erection and issuance of certificate to operate. At this stage, all connection agreements have been signed with the CEB for grid connection and transmission of solar energy generated. The lease agreements are to be executed by the clients for the rental of rooftops for solar PV systems installations.

Experienced Operating & Maintenance Contractor

The operating, monitoring and maintenance of the solar PV plays a key role to ensure the proper functioning and long-term availability of the system for optimum energy production. ENVOLT has an O&M agreement with ECOASIS Energy Solutions Ltd ("ECOASIS") for the routine inspection, servicing, reporting and corrective & preventive maintenance. As part of the O&M services, ECOASIS also keeps in stock a minimum of 20 modules, 10 optimisers and 2 inverters as well as critical spare parts for the immediate replacement and repairs in case of a breakdown.

ECOASIS is a turnkey solution provider specialized in the fields of energy production & recovery, cogeneration, and renewable energy. It has a track record of 22 years and has positioned itself as a reputed energy solution provider in Mauritius having important references in the Indian Ocean regions and Africa. The company has an installed solar capacity of 29,000 kwp.

Engineering, Procurement and Construction Contractor

ENVOLT has as Engineering, Procurement and Construction Contractor (EPC) ECOASIS that collaborates with 2 reputed solar companies namely SolarEdge and Suntech to provide highly performing solar PV systems on the marketplace. SolarEdge is a global leader in smart energy technology and develop intelligent inverter solutions to maximize power generation while lowering cost of energy produced by the PV system since 2006 with global reach of 130 countries across 5 continents while Suntech is a well-known photovoltaic manufacturer devoted to the research and development and the production of crystalline silicon solar cells and modules. Both suppliers have long operational history in this field. The solar panels have a product warranty of 12 years and 25-year performance warranty. For the inverters, a product warranty of 20 years is provided (12-year product warranty and an additional 8 years)

Insurance Coverage for all risks and business interruption

ENVOLT has taken insurance coverage of combined assets all risks & business interruption comprising *perils insured* mainly related to natural and unpredictable calamities that can cause damages to the photovoltaic units comprising inter alia any mechanical and electrical equipment used solely in the operation of such photovoltaic unit such as inverter, transformer, meter, switchgear, mounting structures, distribution transformers, substation, and cabling. The coverage is at an amount of MUR 174 million. To further mitigate any revenue risk, the Company has also secured insurance related to business interruption for each its site with coverage of MUR 39 million.

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Industry Risk

The energy sector in Mauritius is governed by the Central Electricity board operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities. The electricity generation in Mauritius is derived from both renewable and non-renewable energy sources which was at 20.1% and 79.9% in financial year end 2021. In the past years, the government of Mauritius has been encouraging the use of renewable and clean energy to reduce the country's dependence on fossil fuels and at the same time contributing to a reduction in the planet-heating pollution. The government is putting much emphasis on increasing the share of renewable energy in the electricity generation mix with a target of 60% by 2030, and a significant portion of it coming from solar energy. The Mauritius Renewable Energy Agency (MARENA) has been created to oversee renewable energy field in Mauritius.

The installed capacity for solar energy has largely progressed from 18Mw in 2014 to crossing the mark of 100Mw by 2021, and this is set to increase further in the future. The CEB has acted in line with the government's policy to democratise the energy sector with different schemes for small-scale and medium-scale power producers under the SSDG (small scale distributed generation scheme) and MSDG initiatives with a total capacity of around 19 Mw connected to the grid so far. The total installed capacity of large-scale utility PV was at around 87 Mw in 2021 spread among 10 Independent Power Producers (IPPs). The island's largest solar power plant at June 2021 is in Henrietta, was commissioned in 2019 and has a capacity of 17 MW.

The government has in 2018, launched the Home Solar project for the installation of 10,000 roof-top panels. To implement this project, a loan of USD 10 million from the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development and International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is being used. Moreover, several innovative measures have been set out to promote green energy usage as per below:

- A loan facility of up to MUR 250,000 will be made available by the DBM (Development Bank of Mauritius) to domestic consumers at a concessional rate of 2% per annum to finance the acquisition of solar PV systems;
- It is estimated that 5,000 solar PV kits with a total capacity of 9Mw will be installed on rooftops of households, religious bodies, NGOs and charitable institutions;
- DBM Energy Ltd will implement solar PV projects at its industrial building and other public buildings for a total capacity of 6.2Mw;
- Airports of Mauritius Ltd will invest a 14 Mw solar photovoltaic system as part of the greening of the SSR International Airport and the surrounding airport area;
- CEB is investing in an 8 MW solar PV farm at Henrietta by February 2023 to increase its capacity from 2 MW to 10 MW;
- CEB is installing a 20 Mw battery energy storage system at Amaury to strengthen the electricity grid to facilitate the integration of renewable energy from diverse sources;
- Solar PV projects are VAT exempt; and
- Businesses and households investing in solar units equipment are eligible for tax deduction.

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Over the past years, the private sector has played a key role in the development of solar energy in Mauritius. The use of solar energy is also being promoted in the tourism sector encouraging hotels to generate electricity for their own consumption for energy self-sufficiency and reducing their carbon footprint. The implementation of solar energy in Mauritius is still faced with challenges and the government is intensively working to address these issues through various policies and programs such as financial incentives and subsidies and raising awareness about the benefits of solar energy. Overall, solar energy is a promising source of renewable energy for Mauritius and as the country moves towards a sustainable energy future, solar energy is expected to play an increasingly key role in meeting the energy needs of the country.

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Summary of financials for ENVOLT Limited

MUR 'Million

Year ended June 30	FY20	FY21	FY22
	Audited		
Revenue	18.59	14.40	26.39
Total Income	18.91	17.46	27.05
EBITDA	11.66	7.26	18.65
Depreciation	7.01	9.68	10.94
Interest	6.25	7.14	7.71
PBT	(1.60)	(9.56)	(0.00)
PAT	(0.61)	(10.79)	0.33
Gross Cash Accruals (GCA)	6.40	(1.11)	11.27
Dividend paid/proposed	-	-	-
Financial Position			
Equity share capital	50.50	50.50	62.50
Tangible network	49.54	38.75	51.08
Total debt	146.12	151.54	146.50
<i>Long term debt</i>	139.11	143.38	137.98
<i>Short term debt</i>	7.02	8.15	8.52
Cash & Bank balances	20.66	10.15	15.23
Key Ratios			
Profitability (%)			
EBITDA / Total income	61.64	41.59	68.95
PAT / Total income	(3.24)	(61.77)	1.24
ROCE- operating (%)	2.53	(1.19)	3.76
RONW (%)	(1.23)	(24.44)	0.74
Solvency			
Long term debt equity ratio	2.81	3.70	2.70
Overall gearing ratio	2.95	3.91	2.87
Interest coverage (EBITDA/Interest)	1.86	1.02	2.42
Total Debt/ Gross Cash Accruals	22.84	(136.34)	13.00
Total Debt/ EBITDA	12.54	20.86	7.86
Liquidity			
Current ratio	1.21	0.66	1.93
Turnover			
Average collection period (days)	2	45	39
Average creditors (days)	52	2	-
Op. cycle (days)	(50)	42	38

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Annexure I

Details of Rated Facility/Instrument Bank Facility

Facility	Amount (MUR Million)	Repayment Terms
Bank Facility	138	The interest and capital are to be repaid for a duration of 180 months (15 years) in equal and consecutive monthly instalments

Proposed Bond Issue – Green Bond II

Instrument	Type	Tranches	Amount (MUR Million)	Interest Rate	Repayment
Proposed Bond Issue	Fixed Rate	3 years – 13 Years	510 (Enhanced from MUR 500m)	5.70% - 6.58%	July 26 – July 36
	Floating Rate	14 years – 17 years		6.20% - 6.32% (Key Rate + Margin)	July 37 – July 40

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Annexure I**Rating Symbol****Long /Medium-term Instruments**

Symbols	Rating Definition
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