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Press Release

Eneva S.A. Debentures Fifth Issue Assigned 'brAAA' Rating In The Brazil National Scale

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São Paulo (S&P Global Ratings), June 25, 2020 – S&P Global Ratings assigned today its issue rating of 'brAAA' in the National Scale for Brazil and the recovery rating of '3' to the fifth issue of senior unsecured debentures proposed by Eneva S.A. (Eneva; brAAA/Stable/--).

The issue has a firm distribution guarantee from the arranger banks and will be placed in a single series, with final maturity in 2030. The R\$650 million raised will be used mainly to finance investments in exploration and production of natural gas in the Parnaíba Basin, guaranteeing the future supply of its plants. The debentures will have neither real guarantees nor guarantees from the group's operating subsidiaries.

Eneva is an electricity generator with a total installed capacity of 2,152 megawatts (MW), of which 1,427 MW come from four thermal plants powered by natural gas located in the Parnaíba complex, in the state of Maranhão. As part of its expansion plans, the company is building two new plants, scheduled for delivery between 2021 and 2022, and is expected to add 517 MW to the installed capacity. The company is self-sufficient in natural gas, with its own certified reserves totaling 27.7 billion cubic meters (bcm), with 24.1 bcm in the Parnaíba Basin (certified in December 2019).

Covenants

Eneva's debentures have financial covenants that may result in non-automatic acceleration of debt if the company's leverage measured by the net debt to EBITDA ratio exceeds 5.0x between September 2020 and June 2022 and 4.5x thereafter.

Despite less downtime in relation to the maximum levels in 2020, we believe that Eneva will not have problems, considering that a large part of its cash generation comes from fixed revenues through asset's availability and an acceleration of debts would only occur if the indicators exceed their corresponding levels during four consecutive quarters.

Issue Ratings – Recovery Analysis

Key Credit Factors

The recovery rating of '3' assigned to Eneva's fifth senior unsecured debenture issue indicates our view that creditors can expect an approximate 65% recovery in the event of default. As a result, we equalized the issue rating to Eneva's corporate rating.

Our analysis considers a hypothetical default scenario that would occur because of operational problems, which would lead Eneva to have difficulties in refinancing its short-term debt, causing a possible delay in payments. In this simulated default scenario, we believe that there would be

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incentives for its restructuring, considering its status as a strategic energy generator for the subsystems in which it operates (North and Northeast), as well as its vertical integration and energy sale contracts. Accordingly, we believe that creditors would achieve higher recovery amounts with a reorganization of the company, than in the case of its liquidation.

Simulated Default and Assumptions and Evaluation

- Year of the simulated default: 2024;
- EBITDA at emergence: R\$1.8 billion;
- EBITDA Multiple: 5.5x.

Payment Waterfall

- Net enterprise value (EV) after applying an EBITDA multiple of 5.5x and deduction of administrative costs of 5%: R\$6.0 billion;
- Expected recovery of unsecured senior debt: 65%.
 - * All debt amounts include six months of pre-petition interest.

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