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Intimation under Regulation 30 (6) & 51(2) of the Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, ("Listing Regulations 2015") - Update on Credit ratings on revision in ratings outlook to "Positive" from "Stable"

Dear Sir,

In compliance with Regulation 30(6) and 51(2) of the Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, ("Listing Regulations 2015"). We hereby inform you that Moody's Ratings vide their Press Release dated October 1, 2025 affirmed the Ba1 Corporate Family Ratings, Senior Unsecured ratings and Ba1 rating on Guaranteed Senior Unsecured Revenue Bonds. Moody's Ratings has changed the outlook on the ratings to 'Positive' from 'Stable'. Please find below the details of revision in ratings outlook.

Name of the Issuer	Credit Rating Agency	Type of Credit Rating	Existing	Revised
JSW Steel Limited	Moody's Ratings	Corporate Family Rating (CFR) / Senior Unsecured rating	Ba1 Outlook: <b>Stable</b>	Ba1 Outlook: <b>Positive</b>
Periama Holdings LLC 's		Guaranteed Senior Unsecured Notes by JSW Steel and issued by Periama Holdings LLC		
Jefferson County Port Authority		Guaranteed revenue bonds by JSW Steel and issued by Jefferson County Port Authority		

A copy of the Press Release issued by Moody's Ratings covering the rationale for revision in outlook is enclosed herewith.

This is for your information and records.

Yours faithfully,

For **JSW STEEL LIMITED** 

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# Rating Action: Moody's Ratings changes JSW Steel's rating outlook to positive; affirms Ba1 ratings

01 Oct 2025

Singapore, October 01, 2025 -- Moody's Ratings (Moody's) has changed the outlook on JSW Steel Limited (JSW Steel) and Periama Holdings LLC 's (Periama Holdings) ratings to positive from stable.

At the same time, we have affirmed: JSW Steel's Ba1 corporate family rating (CFR) and Ba1 senior unsecured ratings; the Ba1 rating on Periama Holdings' backed senior unsecured notes; and the Ba1 rating on the guaranteed senior unsecured revenue bonds issued by Jefferson County Port Authority. The Ba1-rated notes at Periama Holdings and Jefferson County Port Authority are guaranteed by JSW Steel.

"The outlook change to positive reflects JSW Steel's meaningful expansion in operating scale, reinforcing its position as India's largest steel producer. The ramp-up of operations at recently completed projects will drive higher earnings, and support sustained improvement in the company's credit metrics," says Hui Ting Sim, a Moody's Ratings Assistant Vice President and Analyst.

"The rating action also reflects our expectation that JSW Steel will implement its growth plans with financial discipline, and it will proactively manage the refinancing of significant debt obligations," adds Sim.

#### **RATINGS RATIONALE**

JSW Steel's production capacity grew by around 20% over the past fifteen months to reach 35.7 million tonnes per annum (mtpa), with plans for a further increase of about 20% by 2028. In its fiscal year ended March 2025 (fiscal 2024-25), the company commissioned 6 mtpa of crude steel capacity in India. It also intends to add 2.2 mtpa at Vijayanagar and Salem through debottlenecking projects in the next 12 months, and an additional 5 mtpa at Dolvi as well as 0.5 mtpa at Bhushan Power and Steel Limited (BPSL) by fiscal 2027-28.

The substantial increase in JSW Steel's production capacity supports its ability to meet India's growing steel demand. India is the world's second-largest steel market, with steel consumption rising over 10% annually for the past four years. We anticipate that steel demand in India will grow at a 5%-7% compound annual growth rate until 2030, fueled by infrastructure spending, construction projects, and expansion in industrial production to meet the needs of a rising population.

We expect higher sales volumes and profit margins will boost JSW Steel's earnings to about INR300 billion in fiscal 2025-26 and INR350 billion in fiscal 2026-27, from INR223 billion in fiscal 2024-25. Following the commissioning of brownfield facilities over the last twelve months, we estimate the company's steel sales will climb to 28.5 million tonnes (mt) and close to 32 mt in fiscal 2025-26 and fiscal 2026-27 respectively, from 26.5 mt in fiscal 2024-25.

Our earnings forecasts assume that JSW Steel's EBITDA per tonne will be around INR10,500-10,750, which is in line with its 10-year average. Profit margin for the company was weak in fiscal 2024-25 – as indicated by EBITDA per tonne of close to INR8,500 – due to elevated competition from imports.

Lower raw material costs, reduced import competition in India and the US, and cost efficiencies will support margin improvement for JSW Steel over the next two years. India's 12% safeguard duty on certain steel imports, effective for 200 days from April, reflects the government's intent to shield the domestic steel industry from dumping practices. We expect further protective measures will be taken if competitive pressures from steel imports persist or escalate. In the June quarter of fiscal 2025-26, JSW Steel reported an increase in its EBITDA per tonne to about INR11,500.

Our earnings forecasts have yet to incorporate the financial implications of the Supreme Court's rulings on right of state to levy taxes for mining activities in India last year, as they remain unclear.

Higher earnings will drive a decline in JSW Steel's leverage – as measured by debt/EBITDA – to 3.0x-3.5x in the next 12-18 months. We expect the company's debt will increase moderately given its sizeable capital spending plans, but stay close to INR1 trillion. JSW Steel has budgeted capital spending of INR200 billion in fiscal 2025-26 and INR210 billion in fiscal 2026-27, which we have incorporated in our forecasts. Nonetheless, the company has a demonstrated track record of recalibrating investments, especially during downturns.

## LIQUIDITY

JSW Steel's liquidity will be weak over the next 12 months. Its cash and short-term investments of INR165.7 billion and undrawn multiyear loan facilities of INR48 billion as of June 2025, along with our expectation of operating cash flow of around INR238 billion over the next 15 months through September 2026, will be insufficient to cover its debt maturities, capital spending and dividends totaling INR508 billion. Our quantitative approach to liquidity assumes no access to capital or bank markets to provide an isolated view of estimated internal and committed sources of cash.

However, liquidity is not a credit constraint because we expect the company to maintain strong access to the domestic and international financial markets. As of June 2025, JSW Steel had short-term fund and non-fund based credit facilities of around INR332 billion (although uncommitted) available for drawdown.

## FACTORS THAT COULD LEAD TO AN UPGRADE OR DOWNGRADE OF THE RATINGS

We will upgrade JSW Steel's ratings if the company successfully increases its earnings meaningfully while keeping debt levels largely stable, resulting in a sustained improvement in its credit metrics; demonstrates proactive liquidity management by refinancing lumpy debt obligations well before they fall due; and continues to execute its growth plans prudently by recalibrating capital spending to protect its balance sheet when required. Quantitative metrics indicative of an upgrade include debt/EBITDA below 3.5x and EBIT margin above 10%.

The outlook will return to stable if JSW Steel's credit metrics fail to improve because of factors such as operating underperformance or weak market conditions resulting in poor profitability and cash flow generation; it deviates from our expectation of financial prudence by aggressively increasing investments or shareholder returns; or the company's liquidity management falls short of our expectation.

Given the positive rating outlook, a rating downgrade will be unlikely. However, downgrade pressure could arise if there is a sharp shift in industry conditions or the company's funding access that result in liquidity strain. Quantitative metrics indicative of a lower rating include Debt/EBITDA higher than 4.5x and EBIT margin lower than 5%.

#### PRINCIPAL METHODOLOGY

The principal methodology used in these ratings was Steel published in September 2025 and available at <a href="https://ratings.moodys.com/rmc-documents/450336">https://ratings.moodys.com/rmc-documents/450336</a>. Alternatively, please see the Rating Methodologies page on <a href="https://ratings.moodys.com">https://ratings.moodys.com</a> for a copy of this methodology.

The net effect of any adjustments applied to rating factor scores or scorecard outputs under the primary methodology(ies), if any, was not material to the ratings addressed in this announcement.

## **COMPANY PROFILE**

JSW Steel Limited is one of India's largest steel producers with an installed steelmaking capacity of 35.7 mtpa. Its international operations comprise (1) 1.2 million net tonnes per annum (mtpa) plate mills and 0.55 mtpa pipe mills in Texas; (2) a 3.0 mtpa hot rolling mill and a 1.5 mtpa electric arc furnace in Ohio; and (3) a 1.3 mtpa long steel rolling facility in Piombino, Italy.

JSW Steel generated consolidated revenues of \$20 billion and consolidated EBITDA of \$2.6 billion during fiscal 2024-25.

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