



# NOBLE DEVELOPMENT PLC

No. 10/2025 3 April 2025

# **CORPORATES**

Company Rating:

BBB

**Issue Ratings:**Senior unsecured

BBB

CreditAlert:

Negative

Last Review Date: 14/03/25

**Company Rating History:** 

| Date     | Rating | Outlook/Alert |
|----------|--------|---------------|
| 19/10/20 | BBB    | Stable        |
| 01/03/19 | BBB    | Negative      |
| 28/12/17 | BBB    | Stable        |
| 06/11/15 | BBB    | Negative      |
| 04/01/13 | BBB    | Stable        |
| 08/09/06 | BBB+   | Stable        |
| 12/07/04 | BBB    | Stable        |
| 14/10/03 | BBB    | -             |

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#### **RATIONALE**

TRIS Rating places a "negative" CreditAlert on the "BBB" company and senior unsecured debentures ratings on Noble Development PLC (NOBLE). The "negative" CreditAlert reflects the potential adverse impact of the 28-March-2025 earthquake on the company's operating performance, given its revenue and inventory concentration in high-rise condominium projects. The earthquake could materially impact the presales and transfers of NOBLE's condominium projects, potentially causing the company's operating performance to deviate significantly from our previous forecasts.

The rating action follows the recent 7.7-magnitude earthquake with its epicenter in Myanmar on March 28, 2025, which resulted in the collapse of the under-construction State Audit Office Building and caused significant damage to many high-rise buildings in Bangkok and vicinity. We expect the event to negatively impact the demand for high-rise condominiums over the next 6-12 months, adding pressure on the already sluggish residential property market.

As of December 2024, NOBLE's total inventory was valued at THB36.1 billion, with 66% being condominiums. The company' condominium backlog, including both own and joint ventures, amounted to THB24.3 billion, representing 96% of the total backlog. Approximately 45% of this backlog were planned to be transferred this year. However, the recent earthquake may cause potential buyers to postpone or cancel their purchases or transfers due to safety concerns. Additionally, some projects may experience transfer delays due to damage assessments and required inspections. This could impact the operating performance of the company in the short to medium term.

We anticipate that the impact of this natural disaster will be more severe than the 2011 flood crisis, due to its widespread and life-threatening effects. This may also cause a psychological impact on Thai buyers who are not accustomed to earthquakes of such magnitude, while foreign buyers might shift their interest towards safer locations.

However, this event may potentially elevate the demand for landed property in the near future. This is partly helped by the relaxation of Loan-to-Value (LTV) regulations by the Bank of Thailand (BOT), which will take effect on May 1, 2025. As a result, the impact of the earthquake might be alleviated to some extent if the company can quickly adjust its portfolio to align with shifting customer preferences.

TRIS Rating will closely monitor the situation and resolve the CreditAlert after fully evaluating the impact on the business and financial profile of the company.





#### **RELATED CRITERIA**

- Issue Rating Criteria, 26 December 2024
- Homebuilders and Real Estate Developers Rating Methodology, 12 January 2023
- Corporate Rating Methodology, 15 July 2022
- Key Financial Ratios and Adjustments for Corporate Issuers, 11 January 2022

## **Noble Development PLC (NOBLE)**

| Company Rating:   | BBB      |
|---|----------|
| Issue Ratings:  |          |
| NOBLE256A: THB1,200 million senior unsecured debentures due 2025      | BBB      |
| NOBLE256B: THB983.9 million senior unsecured debentures due 2025      | BBB      |
| NOBLE264A: THB2,500 million senior unsecured debentures due 2026      | BBB      |
| NOBLE269A: THB1,000 million senior unsecured debentures due 2026      | BBB      |
| NOBLE26DA: THB807.6 million senior unsecured debentures due 2026      | BBB      |
| NOBLE273A: THB300 million senior unsecured debentures due 2027        | BBB      |
| NOBLE27OA: THB1,500 million senior unsecured debentures due 2027      | BBB      |
| Up to THB2,200 million senior unsecured debentures due within 3 years | BBB      |
| CreditAlert:  | Negative |

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