

Temasek's Drawdown Under Its US\$25 Billion Guaranteed Global Medium-Term Note Program Rated 'AAA'

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SINGAPORE (S&P Global Ratings) Sept. 29, 2020--S&P Global Ratings today assigned its 'AAA' long-term issue rating to a drawdown by Temasek Financial (I) Limited under its US\$25 billion guaranteed global medium-term note program. Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited (AAA/Stable/A-1+) fully, irrevocably, and unconditionally guarantees the proposed notes.

The proposed U.S. dollar-denominated notes of 10, 30.5, and 50 years will mature in 2030, 2051, and 2070, respectively. Temasek intends to use the net issuance proceeds to fund its ordinary course of business.

The rating on Temasek reflects the company's large, well-diversified, and high-quality portfolio assets; above-average investment capabilities; and minimal leverage. In addition, we see an extremely high likelihood of extraordinary support from the government of Singapore (unsolicited rating AAA/Stable/A-1+), if needed.

Temasek's increasing proportion of unlisted assets weigh on the company's net portfolio characteristics and temper these strengths. As of March 31, 2020, Temasek's net portfolio amounted to Singapore dollar (S\$) 306 billion, with about 52% of liquid and listed assets. The company also had cash and cash equivalents, and short-term investments of S\$47.1 billion, as well as gross debt of S\$13.9 billion.

The stable rating outlook on Temasek reflects our opinion that the company's close relationship with, and likelihood of extraordinary and timely support from, the government will remain intact over the next 24 months. We also expect Temasek's portfolio concentration of key assets to improve or remain at the current level as the company expands its portfolio.

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