

# Interpipe Holdings Plc

Interpipe Holdings Plc's Issuer Default Rating (IDR) reflects the high risk of damage or disruption at its five facilities in central Ukraine, which generate its operating cash flow, due to their proximity to the conflict zone. The rating also reflects a high-risk operating environment and refinancing risk linked to outstanding debt.

Nonetheless, Fitch Ratings expects the company will be able to maintain liquidity in the near-term to service its financial obligations in 2024, including coupons on its USD300 million bonds, minor amortisation of local bank debt and performance-sharing fees linked to its previous debt restructuring.

## Key Rating Drivers

**Resilient Operations Despite War:** Interpipe is operating its facilities at 60%-70% of pre-war levels, supported by a stabilisation of energy supply, and is adapting logistics channels to limit the impact of capacity constraints and disruptions. Its assets in central Ukraine are undamaged. Operations nevertheless are vulnerable to energy disruptions or shortages amid opportunistic targeting of Ukrainian infrastructure by Russian forces, while its Nikotube facility is located across the river from the frontline and continues to be subject to shelling from time to time.

**Strong Financial Performance:** Fitch estimates Interpipe generated more than USD330 million of Fitch-adjusted EBITDA in 2023. Earnings have been bolstered by favourable demand and pricing for oil country tubular goods (OCTG) pipes amid boosted activity in the upstream oil and gas sector linked to geopolitical tensions and security-of-supply concerns. Interpipe has benefited from reduced tariffs on Ukrainian steel products in the US and EU.

We expect a moderation in earnings towards mid-cycle levels in 2024-2025, as conditions for key products become more balanced.

**Cash Preservation in Focus:** Over 2022 and 2023, Interpipe significantly reduced discretionary expenditure, particularly capex, and boosted free cash flow (FCF) generation. As a result, the company has built meaningful financial flexibility (a cash balance of USD279 million at end-September). Despite an expected increase in capex for required maintenance and asset upgrades, we expect Interpipe to preserve a comfortable cash buffer on its balance sheet over 2024-2025 while management weigh up options to address the 2026 bond maturity.

## Ratings

### Interpipe Holdings Plc

Long-Term IDR	CCC-
Senior Unsecured Debt - Long-Term Rating	CCC-

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2035 Climate Vulnerability Signal: 30

## Applicable Criteria

[Country-Specific Treatment of Recovery Ratings Criteria \(March 2023\)](#)

[Corporates Recovery Ratings and Instrument Ratings Criteria \(October 2023\)](#)

[Corporate Rating Criteria \(November 2023\)](#)

[Sector Navigators – Addendum to the Corporate Rating Criteria \(November 2023\)](#)

## Related Research

[Global Corporates Macro and Sector Forecasts](#)

[Global Steel Outlook 2024 \(December 2023\)](#)

[Interpipe Holdings Plc – Recovery Tool \(March 2024\)](#)

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## Financial Summary

(USDm)	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024F
Debt	52	343	340	337	314
EBITDA	273	214	192	333	227
FCF margin (%)	13.6	-20.7	9.5	11.7	4.5
EBITDA leverage (x)	0.2	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.4
EBITDA net leverage (x)	-0.1	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.6

F – Forecast

Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions

## Rating Derivation Relative to Peers

Interpipe's 'CCC-' rating reflects its small scale, concentrated nature of its assets and a high-risk operating environment amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Metinvest B.V. is rated one notch higher at 'CCC' due to cash-generating assets outside of Ukraine, supporting its business profile and financial flexibility, while Ferrexpo plc is rated at 'CCC+' due to an absence of financial debt.

## Rating Sensitivities

### Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Positive Rating Action/Upgrade

- De-escalation of Russia's war in Ukraine, facilitating a reopening of logistics routes and reducing operating risks.
- Repayment of all outstanding gross debt.

### Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Negative Rating Action/Downgrade

- Default of some kind appearing probable or near default, e.g. a decision not to pay a coupon or an inability to service debt.
- An intensification of the conflict with Russia leading to damage to key production assets.

## Liquidity and Debt Structure

**Adequate Liquidity:** Although Interpipe extended an USD85 million upstreamed shareholder loan and paid performance-sharing fees of around USD49 million in 2023, it maintains in excess of USD200 million of available liquidity, a large proportion of which is held offshore.

As long as its assets remain operational and the company continues to generate operating cash flow, Interpipe will be able to service its financial obligations in 2024, including cash interest (USD25.1 million bond coupon plus incremental interest for a domestic loan), performance-sharing fees (linked to the previous refinancing) and minimal principal (linked to a domestic loan facility with a Ukrainian bank), totalling an estimated USD100 million for 2024. Interpipe has no significant debt repayment ahead of its USD300 million bond due in May 2026.

## ESG Considerations

Unless otherwise disclosed in this section, the highest level of ESG credit relevance is a score of '3'. This means ESG issues are credit neutral or have only a minimal credit impact on the entity, either due to their nature or the way in which they are being managed by the entity. Fitch's ESG Relevance Scores are not inputs in the rating process; they are an observation on the relevance and materiality of ESG factors in the rating decision. For more information on Fitch's ESG Relevance Scores, visit [www.fitchratings.com/esg](http://www.fitchratings.com/esg)

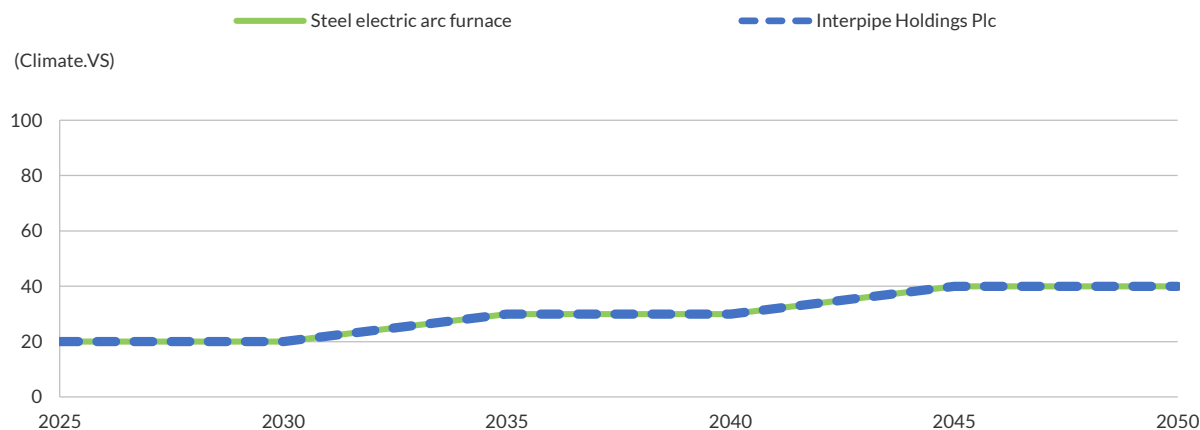
## Climate Vulnerability Considerations

Fitch uses Climate Vulnerability Signals (Climate.VS) as a screening tool to identify sectors and Fitch-rated issuers that are potentially most exposed to credit-relevant climate transition risks and, therefore, require additional consideration of these risks in rating reviews. Climate.VS range from 0 (lowest risk) to 100 (highest risk). For more information on Climate.VS, see Fitch's [Corporate Rating Criteria](#).

FY22 revenue-weighted Climate.VS for Interpipe for 2035 is 30, suggesting low exposure to climate-related risks in that year due to its use of electric arc furnace steelmaking. For further information on how Fitch perceives climate-related risks in the metals and mining sector, see [Metals & Mining – Long-Term Climate Vulnerability Signals](#).

### Climate.VS Evolution

As of Dec. 31, 2022



Source: Fitch Ratings

## Liquidity and Debt Maturities

### Liquidity Analysis

(USDm)	2023E	2024F
<b>Available liquidity</b>		
Beginning cash balance	154	213
Rating case FCF after acquisitions and divestitures	203	94
Upstream loan to shareholder	-85	-50
Payment of performance sharing fee	-49	-50
<b>Total available liquidity (A)</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>207</b>
<b>Liquidity uses</b>		
Debt maturities	-10	-14
<b>Total liquidity uses (B)</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-14</b>
<b>Liquidity calculation</b>		
Ending cash balance (A+B)	213	193
Revolver availability	—	—
<b>Ending liquidity</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>193</b>
Liquidity score (x)	37.5	21.3

E – Estimate, F – Forecast.

Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions, Interpipe Holdings Plc

### Scheduled debt maturities

(USDm)	31 Dec 23E
2023	10
2024	14
2025	13
2026	300
2027	—
Thereafter	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>337</b>

Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions, Interpipe

## Key Assumptions

- EBITDA of USD230 million in 2024, down from more than USD330 million in 2023.
- Capex USD75 million in 2024, up from USD35 million in 2023.
- Extension of an upstreamed shareholder loan of USD50 million in 2024, versus USD85 million in 2023.
- Broadly neutral FCF – after performance-sharing fees and upstreamed shareholder loan – in 2024, versus USD65 million in 2023.

## Financial Data

(USDm)	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024F
<b>Summary income statement</b>					
Gross revenue	865	1,133	981	1,010	994
Revenue growth (%)	-22.9	31.0	-13.4	2.9	-1.6
EBITDA before income from associates	273	214	192	333	227
EBITDA margin (%)	31.6	18.8	19.6	32.9	22.9
EBITDA after associates and minorities	273	214	192	333	227
EBITDAR	273	214	192	333	227
EBITDAR margin (%)	31.6	18.9	19.6	32.9	22.9
EBIT	218	156	156	308	200
EBIT margin (%)	25.2	13.8	15.9	30.4	20.1
Gross interest expense	-18	-17	-27	-28	-27
Pretax income including associate income/loss	228	111	221	283	178
<b>Summary balance sheet</b>					
Readily available cash and equivalents	89	103	154	214	181
Debt	52	343	340	337	314
Lease-adjusted debt	52	343	340	337	314
Net debt	-37	241	186	123	134
<b>Summary cash flow statement</b>					
EBITDA	273	214	192	333	227
Cash interest paid	-21	-17	-27	-28	-27
Cash tax	-12	-7	-28	-36	-31
Dividends received less dividends paid to minorities (inflow/outflow)	—	—	—	—	—
Other items before FFO	-57	-20	48	8	-10
FFO	185	170	185	280	165
FFO margin (%)	21.3	15.0	18.9	27.8	16.6
Change in working capital	-23	-112	-22	-43	4
CFO (Fitch-defined)	162	58	163	238	169
Total non-operating/non-recurring cash flow	—	—	—	—	—
Capex	-44	-63	-21	—	—
Capital intensity (capex/revenue) (%)	5.1	5.5	2.2	—	—
Common dividends	—	-230	-49	—	—
FCF	118	-235	93	—	—
FCF margin (%)	13.6	-20.7	9.5	—	—
Net acquisitions and divestitures	—	3	0	—	—
Other investing and financing cash flow items	-12	-48	53	-53	-53
Net debt proceeds	-280	294	-96	-3	-23
Net equity proceeds	-0	-0	—	—	—
Total change in cash	-175	14	51	61	-34
<b>Leverage ratios (x)</b>					
EBITDA leverage	0.2	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.4
EBITDA net leverage	-0.1	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.6
EBITDAR leverage	0.2	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.4
EBITDAR net leverage	-0.1	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.6
FFO adjusted leverage	0.3	1.8	1.6	1.1	1.7
FFO adjusted net leverage	-0.2	1.3	0.9	0.4	0.7
FFO leverage	0.3	1.8	1.6	1.1	1.7
FFO net leverage	-0.2	1.3	0.9	0.4	0.7
<b>Calculations for forecast publication</b>					
Capex, dividends, acquisitions and other items before FCF	-44	-290	-70	-120	-125
FCF after acquisitions and divestitures	118	-232	93	118	44
FCF margin after net acquisitions (%)	13.6	-20.5	9.5	11.7	4.5

(USDm)	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024F
<b>Coverage ratios (x)</b>					
FFO interest coverage	9.8	10.8	7.7	10.8	6.8
FFO fixed-charge coverage	9.8	10.4	7.7	10.8	6.8
EBITDAR fixed-charge coverage	13.2	11.9	7.0	11.8	8.4
EBITDAR net fixed-charge coverage	14.5	12.8	7.3	14.1	11.0
EBITDA interest coverage	13.2	12.3	7.0	11.8	8.4
<b>Additional metrics (%)</b>					
CFO-capex/debt	226.8	-1.5	41.8	60.2	30.0
CFO-capex/net debt	-317.3	-2.1	76.4	165.2	70.6
CFO/capex	367.5	92.0	770.0	679.7	225.7

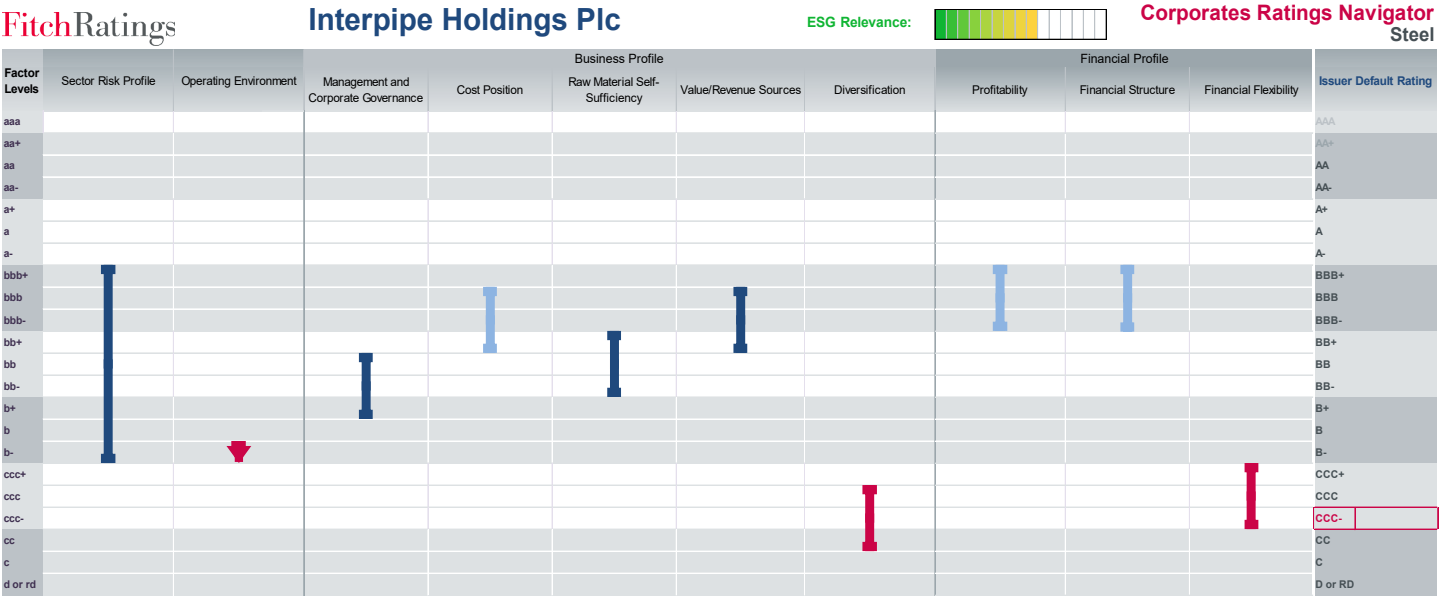
CFO – Cash flow from operations.

Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions

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Bar Chart Legend:

Vertical Bars = Range of Rating Factor

Bar Colors = Relative Importance

Higher Importance

Average Importance

Lower Importance

Bar Arrows = Rating Factor Outlook

Positive

Negative

Evolving

Stable

**Operating Environment**

b	Economic Environment	b	Weak combination of countries where economic value is created and where assets are located.
b-	Financial Access	b	Weak combination of issuer specific funding characteristics and of the strength of the relevant local financial market.
b-	Systemic Governance	b	Systemic governance (eg rule of law, corruption, government effectiveness) of the issuer's country of incorporation consistent with 'b'.
ccc+			

**Cost Position**

bbb+	Cost Position	bbb	Low – 1st/2nd quartile.
bbb	Regulatory Risk	bbb	Limited or manageable exposure to environmental regulations. Remediation costs are comfortably within current cashflows.
bbb-			
bb+			
bb			

**Value/Revenue Sources**

bbb+	Proportion of Higher Value-Added Products	bbb	High (>50%).
bbb	EBITDA	b	USD0.2 billion
bbb-			
bb+			
bb			

**Profitability**

bbb+	EBITDA Margin	bbb	16%
bbb	FCF Margin	bbb	Mostly positive through the cycle.
bbb-			
bb+			
bb			

**Financial Flexibility**

b-	Financial Discipline	b	No financial policy or record of ignoring it. Opportunistic behavior.
ccc+	Liquidity	ccc	No near-term prospect of recovery in liquidity. All/most funding sources subject to material execution risk.
ccc	EBITDA Interest Coverage	b	4.0x
ccc-	FX Exposure	ccc	FX exposure dominant in impairing the issuer's ability to service debt in cash terms.
cc			

**How to Read This Page:** The left column shows the three-notch band assessment for the overall Factor, illustrated by a bar. The right column breaks down the Factor into Sub-Factors, with a description appropriate for each Sub-Factor and its corresponding category.

**Management and Corporate Governance**

bb+	Management Strategy	bb	Strategy generally coherent but some evidence of weak implementation.
bb	Governance Structure	bb	Board effectiveness questionable with few independent directors. "Key person" risk from dominant CEO or shareholder.
bb-	Group Structure	bb	Complex group structure or non transparent ownership structure. Related-party transactions exist but with reasonable economic rationale.
b+	Financial Transparency	bb	Financial reporting is appropriate but with some failings (eg, lack of interim or segment analysis).
b			

**Raw Material Self-Sufficiency**

bbb-	Raw Material Self-Sufficiency	bb	Partial control over key raw materials or pricing power.
bb+			
bb			
bb-			
b+			

**Diversification**

ccc+	Product and Geographical Diversification	ccc	Concentration in disadvantageous region experiencing major recession or disruptive conditions.
ccc	Operational Diversification	b	Low (single plant)
ccc-	Environmental Risk	bb	Less ambitious sustainability strategy in line with average players. Substantial share of BF/BOF operations with less defined emission reduction plan or EAFs with high level of emissions.
cc			
c			

**Financial Structure**

bbb+	EBITDA Leverage	bbb	2.0x
bbb	EBITDA Net Leverage	bbb	1.7x
bbb-			
bb+			
bb			

**Credit-Relevant ESG Derivation**

Interpipe Holdings Plc has 11 ESG potential rating drivers					Overall ESG	
key driver	0	issues	5			
driver	0	issues	4			
potential driver	11	issues	3			
not a rating driver	0	issues	2			
	3	issues	1			

Showing top 6 issues

For further details on Credit-Relevant ESG scoring, see page 3.



**Credit-Relevant ESG Derivation**

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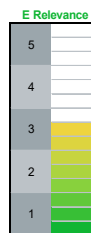
- ➔ Interpipe Holdings Plc has exposure to emissions regulatory risk but this has very low impact on the rating.
- ➔ Interpipe Holdings Plc has exposure to energy productivity risk but this has very low impact on the rating.
- ➔ Interpipe Holdings Plc has exposure to water management risk but this has very low impact on the rating.
- ➔ Interpipe Holdings Plc has exposure to waste & impact management risk but this has very low impact on the rating.
- ➔ Interpipe Holdings Plc has exposure to labor relations & practices risk but this has very low impact on the rating.
- ➔ Interpipe Holdings Plc has exposure to employee health & safety risk but this has very low impact on the rating.

Showing top 6 issues

ESG Relevance to Credit Rating			
key driver	0	issues	5
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**Environmental (E) Relevance Scores**

General Issues	E Score	Sector-Specific Issues	Reference
GHG Emissions & Air Quality	3	Emissions from production	Diversification; Profitability; Financial Structure; Financial Flexibility
Energy Management	3	Energy and fuel use in operations	Cost Position ; Profitability
Water & Wastewater Management	3	Water usage in operations (including exposure to regions with water scarcity)	Diversification; Profitability; Financial Flexibility
Waste & Hazardous Materials Management; Ecological Impacts	3	Pollution incidents; sludge disposal	Diversification; Profitability; Financial Flexibility
Exposure to Environmental Impacts	1	n.a.	n.a.


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ESG relevance scores range from 1 to 5 based on a 15-level color gradation. Red (5) is most relevant to the credit rating and green (1) is least relevant.

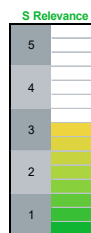
 The **Environmental (E), Social (S) and Governance (G)** tables break out the ESG general issues and the sector-specific issues that are most relevant to each industry group. Relevance scores are assigned to each sector-specific issue, signaling the credit-relevance of the sector-specific issues to the issuer's overall credit rating. The Criteria Reference column highlights the factor(s) within which the corresponding ESG issues are captured in Fitch's credit analysis. The vertical color bars are visualizations of the frequency of occurrence of the highest constituent relevance scores. They do not represent an aggregate of the relevance scores or aggregate ESG credit relevance.

 The **Credit-Relevant ESG Derivation** table's far right column is a visualization of the frequency of occurrence of the highest ESG relevance scores across the combined E, S and G categories. The three columns to the left of ESG Relevance to Credit Rating summarize rating relevance and impact to credit from ESG issues. The box on the far left identifies any ESG Relevance Sub-factor issues that are drivers or potential drivers of the issuer's credit rating (corresponding with scores of 3, 4 or 5) and provides a brief explanation for the relevance score. All scores of '4' and '5' are assumed to reflect a negative impact unless indicated with a '+' sign for positive impact.

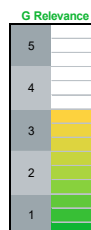
Classification of ESG issues has been developed from Fitch's sector ratings criteria. The General Issues and Sector-Specific Issues draw on the classification standards published by the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investing (PRI), the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB), and the World Bank.

**Social (S) Relevance Scores**

General Issues	S Score	Sector-Specific Issues	Reference
Human Rights, Community Relations, Access & Affordability	1	n.a.	n.a.
Customer Welfare - Fair Messaging, Privacy & Data Security	1	n.a.	n.a.
Labor Relations & Practices	3	Impact of labor negotiations and employee (dis)satisfaction	Diversification; Cost Position ; Profitability; Financial Flexibility
Employee Wellbeing	3	Worker safety and accident prevention	Diversification; Profitability; Financial Flexibility
Exposure to Social Impacts	3	Social resistance to new projects, sourcing of iron ore/cooking coal that leads to delays and cost increases	Raw Material Self-Sufficiency; Profitability; Financial Structure; Financial Flexibility

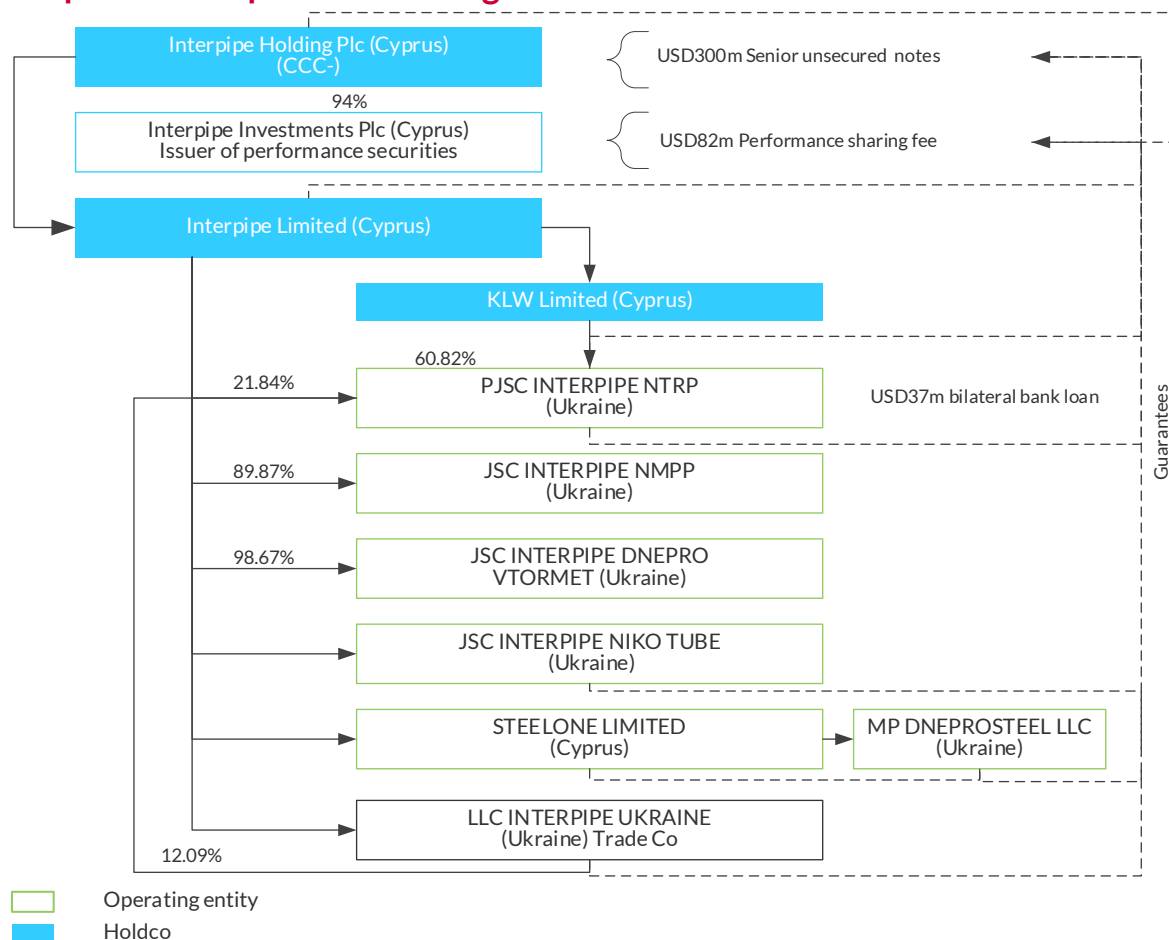

**Governance (G) Relevance Scores**

General Issues	G Score	Sector-Specific Issues	Reference
Management Strategy	3	Strategy development and implementation	Management and Corporate Governance
Governance Structure	3	Board independence and effectiveness; ownership concentration	Management and Corporate Governance
Group Structure	3	Complexity, transparency and related-party transactions	Management and Corporate Governance
Financial Transparency	3	Quality and timing of financial disclosure	Management and Corporate Governance


**CREDIT-RELEVANT ESG SCALE**
**How relevant are E, S and G issues to the overall credit rating?**

5	Highly relevant, a key rating driver that has a significant impact on the rating on an individual basis. Equivalent to "higher" relative importance within Navigator.
4	Relevant to rating, not a key rating driver but has an impact on the rating in combination with other factors. Equivalent to "moderate" relative importance within Navigator.
3	Minimally relevant to rating, either very low impact or actively managed in a way that results in no impact on the entity rating. Equivalent to "lower" relative importance within Navigator.
2	Inrelevant to the entity rating but relevant to the sector.
1	Inrelevant to the entity rating and irrelevant to the sector.

## Simplified Group Structure Diagram



All debt figures are as of September 2023.  
Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions

## Peer Financial Summary

Company	Issuer Default Rating	Financial statement date	EBITDA margin (%)	Capex (USDm)	EBITDA (USDm)	FCF margin (%)	EBITDA net leverage (x)
Ferrexpo plc	CCC+						
	CCC+	2022	32.7	-161	408	-29.5	-0.3
	BB-	2021	58.6	-361	1,476	6.2	-0.1
	BB-	2020	46.6	-206	792	16.8	-0.0
Metinvest B.V.	CCC						
	CCC	2022	17.3	-381	1,434	-12.5	1.4
	BB-	2021	32.8	-1,358	5,906	10.4	0.3
	BB-	2020	18.3	-678	1,908	9.3	1.3
Interpipe Holdings Plc	CCC-						
	CCC-	2022	19.6	-21	192	9.5	1.0
	B	2021	18.9	-63	214	-20.7	1.1
	B	2020	31.6	-44	273	13.6	-0.1

Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions

## Fitch Adjusted Financials

(USDm as of 31 December 2022)	Notes and formulas	Standardised values	Lease treatment	Other adjustments	Adjusted values
<b>Income statement summary</b>					
Revenue		981	—	—	981
EBITDA	(a)	381	-1	-188	192
Depreciation and amortisation		-36	0	—	-36
EBIT		345	-0	-188	156
<b>Balance sheet summary</b>					
Debt	(b)	390	-1	-49	340
Of which other off-balance-sheet debt		—	—	—	—
Lease-equivalent debt		—	—	—	—
Lease-adjusted debt		390	-1	-49	340
Readily available cash and equivalents	(c)	154	—	-0	154
Not readily available cash and equivalents		0	—	0	0
<b>Cash flow summary</b>					
EBITDA	(a)	381	-1	-188	192
Dividends received from associates less dividends paid to minorities	(d)	—	—	—	—
Interest paid	(e)	-28	1	—	-27
Interest received	(f)	1	—	—	1
Preferred dividends paid	(g)	—	—	—	—
Cash tax paid		-28	—	—	-28
Other items before FFO		-141	-0	188	48
FFO	(h)	186	-0	—	185
Change in working capital		-22	—	—	-22
CFO	(i)	164	-0	—	163
Non-operating/non-recurring cash flow		—	—	—	—
Capex	(j)	-21	—	—	-21
Common dividends paid		-49	—	—	-49
FCF		93	-0	—	93
<b>Gross leverage (x)</b>					
EBITDA leverage	b / (a+d)	1.0	—	—	1.8
(CFO-capex)/debt (%)	(i+j) / b	36.5	—	—	41.8
<b>Net leverage (x)</b>					
EBITDA net leverage	(b-c) / (a+d)	0.6	—	—	1.0
(CFO-capex)/net debt (%)	(i+j) / (b-c)	60.3	—	—	76.4
<b>Coverage (x)</b>					
EBITDA interest coverage	(a+d) / (-e)	13.7	—	—	7.0

CFO – Cash flow from operations.

Notes: The standardised items presented above are based on Fitch's taxonomy for the given sector and region.

Reported items may not match the Fitch taxonomy, but they are captured into corresponding lines accordingly.

Debt includes other off-balance-sheet debt.

Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions, Interpipe

## Recovery Analysis

Issuer	Interpipe Holdings Plc		
Issuer Default Rating	CCC-	As of	30 Sep 23
Sector	Metals and Mining	Currency	USDm
Country	Ukraine	Country group	D

Going concern (GC) enterprise value (EV)		Liquidation value	Book value	Advance rate (%)	Available to creditors
GC EBITDA	120	Cash	276	0	-
EBITDA multiple (x)	3.0	Accounts receivable	133	0	-
GC value from alternative method	-	Inventory	183	20	37
Additional value from affiliates, minority interest, other	-	Net property, plant and equipment	222	20	44
<b>GC EV</b>	<b>360</b>	Liquidation value of off-balance-sheet assets	-	100	-
		Additional value from affiliates, minority interest, other	-	100	-
<b>EV for claims distribution</b>		<b>Total liquidation value</b>			<b>81</b>
Greater of GC enterprise or liquidation value	360				
Less administrative claims	36				
<b>Total EV</b>	<b>324</b>				

## Distribution of value

Priority	Amount	Concession allocation	Value recovered	Recovery (%)	Before country-specific considerations			After country-specific considerations		
					Recovery Rating	Notching	Rating	Recovery Rating	Notching	Rating
Secured debt	37	0	37	100	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Unsecured Notes	300	0	287	96	RR2	+2	CCC+	RR4	0	CCC-

Note: NR = Not Rated.

Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions, Interpipe

## Recovery Analysis Assumptions

Our recovery analysis assumes that Interpipe would be a going concern (GC) in bankruptcy and that it would be reorganised rather than liquidated.

Interpipe's GC EBITDA of USD120 million is well below our mid-cycle estimate and captures that in a financial restructuring either not all assets remain operational or logistics constraints may limit exports amid the military conflict.

We use an enterprise value/EBITDA multiple of 3.0x to calculate a post-reorganisation valuation, reflecting the concentrated nature of key manufacturing assets in a territory with military conflict.

Taking into account our *Country-Specific Treatment of Recovery Ratings Criteria* and after a deduction of 10% for administrative claims, our waterfall analysis resulted in a waterfall-generated recovery computation (WGRC) in the 'RR4' band, indicating a 'CCC-' rating for the company's senior unsecured notes. The WGRC output percentage on current metrics and assumptions is 50%.

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