

CareEdge-ESG Assigns ESG Rating in Utilities sector

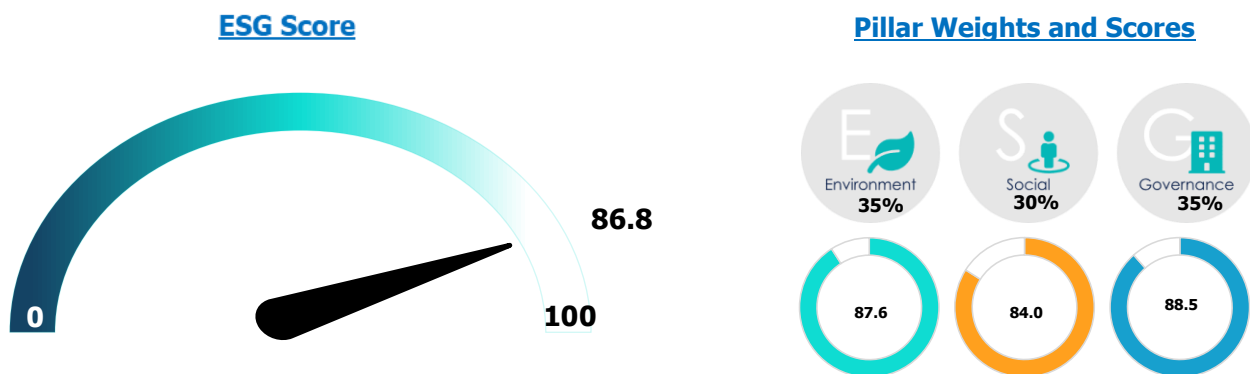


CARE ESG Ratings Limited (CareEdge-ESG) assigns ESG rating to Adani Energy Solutions Limited

CARE ESG Ratings Limited (CareEdge-ESG), a Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI)-registered Issuer-pays ESG Rating Provider (ERP) and a wholly owned subsidiary of CARE Ratings Limited, assigned ESG Rating of a Utilities sector entity. CareEdge-ESG assigned ESG Rating to Adani Energy Solutions Limited (AESL).

AESL, incorporated in 2013 and headquartered in Ahmedabad, operates in the power transmission and distribution sector in India and plays a significant role in the country’s energy infrastructure. The company is part of the Adani Group and has developed a strong presence through its expanding network of transmission lines, substations, and power distribution operations. AESL has demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainability, with initiatives focused on grid efficiency, integration of renewable energy, responsible environmental management, and strengthening energy infrastructure to support India’s transition to a cleaner energy mix. The company also emphasizes employee safety, community engagement, and strong governance practices across its operations. Adani Energy Solutions Limited received a CareEdge-ESG 1+ rating with an ESG score of 86.8. The ESG rating reflects the company’s leadership in managing ESG risks and opportunities through robust governance frameworks, transparent disclosures, and the effective implementation of sustainability initiatives across its business operations. Please follow the [link](#) for a detailed rationale of AESL’s ESG rating.

The rating assigned to Adani Energy Solutions Limited reflects its commitment to sustainable practices in the power transmission and distribution sector. The company has demonstrated strong leadership in its ESG journey, particularly across key environmental areas such as biodiversity management, effluent and waste management, energy efficiency, and the promotion of a green value chain. Under the social pillar, the company has shown robust performance in areas including consumer protection, human rights, employee health & safety and development, and responsible value chain practices. From a governance perspective, AESL maintains strong frameworks through its emphasis on business ethics, effective board functioning, and active oversight of ESG-related matters. The company’s continued focus on responsible environmental management, workforce well-being, and transparent governance practices positions it well to support sustainable and resilient operations in the evolving energy sector.



Rating Scale



CareEdge-ESG’s ratings are derived from a comprehensive analysis of the environmental, social, and governance risks and opportunities associated with a company. A composite score is calculated based on the company’s performance across key indicators, addressing significant themes from the three pillars of ESG. CareEdge-ESG’s methodology encompasses approximately 300 indicators across 17 themes for a Power Distribution industry. AESL operates in a sector where both Environmental and Governance aspects are highly material due to the scale of its transmission infrastructure. The Environmental pillar is critical given its interaction with natural ecosystems, including land use, biodiversity, energy efficiency, and waste management. The Governance pillar is equally important, driven by the need for strong oversight, regulatory compliance, and business ethics. Robust governance frameworks and transparent practices are essential to ensure operational integrity and stakeholder trust. Accordingly, both Environmental and Governance pillars are assigned an equal weight of 35% each in the ESG assessment framework.

Although ESG ratings are relatively new, their importance is rapidly increasing among investors, regulators, and other stakeholders. These ratings help investors make informed decisions by highlighting an entity’s exposure to and management of non-financial risks and long-term performance objectives and values. Companies with strong ESG credentials often demonstrate superior financial performance and are more successful in attracting a diverse array of investors and raising capital. Moreover, ESG ratings offer valuable insights to rated entities through peer benchmarking and industry medians, allowing them to pinpoint areas for improvement, incentivising them to design sustainable transitions, and encouraging responsible business practices.

Saikat Roy, Chief Executive Officer, CareEdge-ESG, commented, “Adani Energy Solutions Limited exhibits a structurally embedded ESG framework, anchored in environmental stewardship and asset-level operational resilience across its energy infrastructure portfolio. Targeted interventions in biodiversity risk management, energy-intensity optimisation, GHG emissions mitigation, and effluent and waste stewardship support effective management of transition-related risks, while a strong focus on consumer protection, human rights due diligence, occupational health and safety, workforce capability building, and responsible value-chain practices reinforces stakeholder confidence and social impact. From a governance perspective, comprehensive disclosures, a robust control environment, adherence to ethical business conduct, and active board-level oversight underpin transparency, accountability, and enterprise-wide risk governance. As capital allocation increasingly reflects the depth of ESG integration and governance quality, AESL’s positioning strengthens access to sustainability-linked capital and supports long-term value creation aligned with India’s energy transition objectives.”

Nikunj Dube, Chief Ratings Officer, CareEdge-ESG, commented, “Adani Energy Solutions Limited demonstrates robust ESG performance, driven by measurable progress across material indicators. Environmental stewardship is evident through improved emissions management, strong energy efficiency, biodiversity practices, and responsible waste handling, with ~99% waste recovery. Social initiatives strengthen consumer protection, human rights, and workforce safety and development. Strong governance, transparent disclosures, and active oversight position AESL among sector leaders, meeting evolving investor and sustainability expectations.”

Kandarp Patel, CEO, Adani Energy Solutions Ltd, commented, "Being recognised by CareEdge ESG as the highest-scored Indian electrical utility overall—and the top performer individually on Environment and Social parameters—reinforces our belief that sustainable infrastructure is central to India's energy transition. At Adani Energy Solutions, ESG is embedded in how we plan, build, and operate the networks that enable renewable energy integration at scale. As India accelerates its clean energy ambitions, we remain committed to enabling this transformation through responsibly built transmission networks, digital grid solutions, and uncompromising governance standards."

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