

Press Release

**G.S. Express Private Limited**

February 28, 2020

**Ratings**

Instrument / Facility	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Ratings	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities – Cash Credit	50.00 (including proposed limit of Rs.5.00 crore)	IVR BB-/Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (IVR Double B minus with Stable outlook; Issuer Not Cooperating category)	Rating revised from IVR BB (IVR Double B) with Stable Outlook and moved to ISSUER NOT COOPERATING Category
Short Term Bank Facilities – Bank Guarantee	100.00 (including proposed limit of Rs.20.00 crore)	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (IVR A four; Issuer Not Cooperating category)	Rating revised from IVR A4 (IVR A four) and moved to ISSUER NOT COOPERATING Category
<b>Total</b>	<b>150.00</b>		

*\*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information*

**Details of Facility are in Annexure 1**

**Detailed Rationale**

The rating downgrade is because of lack of adequate information regarding G. S. Express Private Limited's performance and hence the uncertainty around its credit risk. Infomerics assesses whether the information available about the entity is commensurate with its rating and reviews the same as per its policy.

The lenders, investors and other market participants are thus advised to exercise appropriate caution while using this rating as the rating may not adequately reflect the credit risk profile of the entity, despite the downgrade.

**Non-cooperation by Issuer**

Infomerics has been regularly following up with the company to provide the required data including FY19 (A) results to monitor its assigned rating to the bank facilities, vide E-mail communications dated February 25, 2020, February 20, 2020, February 12, 2020 and concurrently over several phone calls. However, despite repeated requests by Infomerics, the company's management has not submitted the essential details. Further, No Default Statement is also pending.

Availability of information is very critical in rating exercise. In the absence of the requisite information, in consonance with SEBI guidelines, Infomerics has to assign the rating based on the best available information. Accordingly, the long- term rating for the bank loan facilities of G.S. Express Private Limited aggregating to Rs.150.00 crore shall be moved to the 'ISSUER NOT COOPERATING' category by Infomerics and the rating be noted as IVR BB-/Stable; Issuer Not Co-operating; Based on best available information (IVR Double B minus /Stable: Issuer Not Co-operating; Based on best available information) and IVR A4: Issuer Not Co-operating; Based on best available information. (IVR A four: Issuer Not Co-operating; Based on best available information). Accordingly, the lenders, investors and other users of this rating are requested to exercise adequate caution while using this rating as this rating may not adequately reflect the current credit risk profile of the company.

## Analytical Approach & Applicable Criteria

Standalone

Financial Ratios & Interpretation – (Non-financial Sector)

Guidelines on what constitutes Non-Cooperation by clients

## About the Company

Incorporated in 2006, by Late Mr. G.S. Anand, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) based G.S. Express Private Limited (GSEPL) is engaged in contract-based construction and renovation of roads and highways, irrigation work, etc. for various Government bodies/departments. The company is mainly in road construction and predominantly caters to the government contracts through tender participation in Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

## Financials (Standalone)

(Rs. Crore)

For the year ended* / As On	31-03-2018	31-03-2019
	Audited	Provisional
Total Operating Income	108.21	99.39
EBITDA	19.14	25.44
PAT	1.31	7.25
Total Debt	73.63	69.72
Tangible Net worth	30.52	37.97
EBITDA Margin (%)	17.69	25.60
PAT Margin (%)	1.18	7.21
Overall Gearing Ratio (x)	2.41	1.84

*\*Based on Infomerics classification*

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:** India Ratings has moved the rating of G.S. Express Pvt Ltd into the Issuer Non-Cooperating category as the company did not co-operate in the rating procedure despite repeated follow ups as per the Press Release dated May 16, 2018.

**Any other information:** Nil

## Rating History for last three years:

Sr. No.	Name of Instrument/Facilities	Current Rating (Year 2019-20)			Rating History for the past 3 years		
		Type	Amount outstanding (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-19	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-18	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-17
1.	Cash Credit	Long Term	50.00 (including proposed limit of Rs.5.00 crores)	IVR BB-/Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	IVR BB / Stable Outlook (July 15, 2019)	-	-
2.	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	100.00 (including proposed limit of Rs.20.00 crore)	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	IVR A4 (July 15, 2019)	-	-

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**Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument:** Infomerics has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity and a note thereon is available at [www.infomerics.com](http://www.infomerics.com).

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## About Infomerics:

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## Annexure 1: Details of Facility

Name of Facility	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Long Term Bank Facilities – Cash Credit	-	-	-	50.00 (including proposed limit of Rs.5.00 crores)	IVR BB-/Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
Short Term Bank Facilities – Bank Guarantee	-	-	-	100.00 (including proposed limit of Rs.20.00 crore)	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

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