

Press Release

MEP Longjian VTR Pvt Ltd. (MLVPL)

January 14, 2020

Ratings

Sl. No.	Instrument/Facility	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Revised Rating	Previous Rating
1	Proposed Term Loan	567.78	IVR BB+/Stable Outlook ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Rating downgraded and moved to Issuer Not Cooperating category)	IVR BBB / Stable Outlook (IVR Triple B with Stable Outlook)
2	Proposed Non-Fund Based Limit - Performance Bank Guarantee	59.15		
3	Proposed Fund Based Limit - Overdraft	20.00		
	Total	646.93		

**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 with respect to MEP Longjian VTR Private Limited (MLVPL)'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 to monitor its assigned rating to the bank facilities, vide E-mail communications dated October 17, 2019, October 21st, 2019, December 3rd, 2019 and December 17th, 2019 and concurrently over several phone calls. However, despite repeated requests by Infomerics, the company's management has not submitted the essential details and fees for the surveillance exercise.

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 bank loan facilities of company aggregating to Rs.646.93crore 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 plus/Stable: Issuer Not Co-operating; Based on best available information).

Accordingly, the lenders, investors and other users of this ratings 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

MEP Longjian VTR Pvt Ltd (MLVPL) is a joint venture floated in April 2018 by MIDL (51% stake) and LRBCCL (49% stake). MIDL is engaged in contracts for collection of toll for NHAI, PWD, etc, OMT (Operate, Maintain & Tolling) for existing highways & bridges and execution of HAM projects of State/National Highways. LRBCCL is a Chinese Government owned Company, engaged in construction of road and bridges both in domestic and overseas fronts. MLVPL has entered into a 17.5 year Concession Agreement (CA) (including construction period of 910 days [about 2.5 yrs] from the appointed date) with National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to design, build, operate and transfer of 23.798 km of road in HAM basis.

Financials (Standalone)

As the company was incorporated in April 2018, past financials are not applicable.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Nil

Any other information: Nil

Rating History for last three years:

S. No.	Name of Instrument/ Facilities	Current Rating (Year 2019-20)			Rating History for the past 3 years		
		Type	Amount o/s (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
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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.

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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
Proposed Term Loan	-	-	-	567.78	IVR BB+/Stable Outlook ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
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