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Rudra Aerospace & Defence Private Limited

May 21, 2020

Ratings

SI. No.	Instrument/Facility	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Ratings Assigned	Rating Action
1	Long-Term Bank Facility-	10.00	Provisional IVR BBB- [CE]*/Stable	Assigned
	Term Loan (Proposed)		Outlook	
			(provisional IVR Triple B Minus [Credit	
			Enhancement] with Stable Outlook)	
2.	Long-Term Bank Facility-	5.00	Provisional IVR BBB- [CE]*/Stable	Assigned
	Cash Credit (Proposed)		Outlook	_
			(Provisional IVR Triple B Minus [Credit	
			Enhancement] with Stable Outlook)	
	Total	15.00		

^{*}Based on provisional unconditional and irrevocable corporate guarantee from Rudra Global Infra Products Limited (RGIPL)

Details of Facilities are in Annexure 1

Detailed Rationale

The rating assigned to the bank facilities of Rudra Aerospace & Defence Private Limited (RADPL) derives comfort from its experienced promoters and proposed corporate guarantee from Rudra Global Infra Products Limited (RGIPL). This proposed corporate guarantee results in credit enhancement in the rating of the said bank facilities to **Provisional IVR BBB- (CE)/Stable Outlook (IVR Triple B Minus [Credit Enhancement] with Stable Outlook)** against the unsupported rating of **IVR BB/Stable (IVR Double B with Stable** Outlook). Further, the ratings also derive strength from its locational advantage and association of reputed consultants to guide the project implementation. However, these rating strengths are constrained due to pending financial closure, project execution risk and Deterioration in the financial performance of the proposed guarantor, RGIPL during 9MFY20.

Key Rating Sensitivities

Upward factors

- Timely completion of the project and earning as envisaged
- Continuance of Support from the corporate guarantor and the promoters

Downward factors

Cost overrun or delay in completion of projects



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- Failure to achieve financial closure
- Deterioration in the credit profile of the guarantor

List of Key Rating Drivers with detailed description

Key Rating Strengths

Experienced promoters

The company is promoted by Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta and his son Mr. Nikhil Gupta. Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta has prior experience of more than 25 years of experience in the Steel sector through their association with other Group companies. His son Mr. Nikhil Gupta has been associated with the company since inception and looks after the overall operations of the company. The promoters are supported by qualified and experienced professionals in managing the day to day affairs of the company.

Locational advantage

The proposed manufacturing facility of RADPL is being set up at Bhavnagar, Gujrat. The land is adequate to house both the process of shell moulding and investment casting. The location is ideal since all the infrastructure facilities have been developed in the surrounding area like power, manpower, logistics, availability of raw materials, etc. Further, being close to the neighbouring cities of Rajkot and Ahmedabad, there will be easy access to larger market.

Association of reputed project consultants to guide the project implementation

To guide the project implementation in an effective manner, the company has appointed experienced, reputed and well-known consultants & design companies to guide the project implementation.

Proposed corporate guarantee from RGIPL

RGIPL has proposed to extend corporate guarantee for the bank facilities proposed to be taken by RADPL. RGIPL is the flagship company of the group and is engaged in the manufacturing of MS Billets and TMT Bars with an annual installed capacity of 2,40,000 MTPA for billets and 1,20,000 MTPA for TMT at the same location since 2010 and has an established presence in the state of Gujrat. Going forward, Infomerics believes timely, need based financial support will also be extended by the corporate guarantor, in case of pressure on cash flows.



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Key Weaknesses

Financial closure yet to be achieved

The project is under implementation stage. The term debts are yet to be tied up indicating high funding risk for the project. The management is still in negotiation with various bankers for sanction of term loan. The promoters have already infused Rs.2.53 crore in the form of equity and unsecured loans for the project till March 31, 2020. Also, on account of the current COVID-19 situation, the project is on hold and the development will start at full pace once the lockdown ends and the situation normalises. The long implementation period makes the company susceptible to time and cost overruns.

Project execution risk

The project has significant implementation risk, as of now, due to its current nascent stage of project execution. Given the targeted timeline for commencement of operation, the project is exposed to the risk of time overrun and consequential cost overrun.

Deterioration in the financial performance of the guarantor, RGIPL during 9MFY20

RGIPL's total operating income witnessed a y-o-y growth of ~44% in FY19 driven by increase in volume sale as well as average sales realisation of billets and TMT bars. Despite increase in total operating income, the EBITDA margin of the company dampened from 7.65% in FY18 to 5.78% in FY19. However, the company has earned healthy gross cash accruals of Rs.20.74 crore in FY19 (Rs.17.46 crore in FY18). During 9MFY20, the company earned a total operating income of Rs.290.89 crore with a PAT of Rs.1.64 crore as against total operating income of Rs.447.03 crore and PAT of Rs.9.28 crore in 9MFY19. The moderation in its total operating income was due to subdued market demand in FY20 leading to decline in volume sales coupled with adverse movement in realisations. Further, there was a steady increase in interest cost during the aforesaid period owing to rise in its short-term borrowings which also affected the profitability. Infomerics expects moderation in RGIPL's total operating income and profit levels in FY20. With moderation in profit level, the debt protection metrics also witnessed impairment marked by deterioration in interest coverage from 4.70x in FY19 to 1.66x in 9MFY20.



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Analytical Approach:

Credit Enhancement (CE) rating: Assessment of the credit profile of RGIPL, provider of corporate guarantee to RADPL.

Unsupported rating: Standalone

Applicable Criteria

Rating Methodology for Manufacturing Companies

Rating Methodology for Structure Debt Transaction (Non-Securitisation Transaction)

Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Non-financial Sector)

Liquidity: Adequate

The project is in its implementation stage and is expected to commence operations from April, 2021 onwards. The financial closure is yet to be achieved. However, the liquidity of the company is expected to remain adequate backed by support from the corporate guarantor, Rudra Global Infra Products Limited in the near to medium term.

About the Company

Incorporated in November, 2017, Rudra Aerospace & Defence Private Limited (RADPL) is a part of the Bhavnagar, Gujrat based M.D Group and was formed with the objective to set up a project for shell moulding and investment precision casting for production of various precision parts used in aerospace, automobile, medical instruments, automotive and transport, ceramics, construction, energy and environment, refractory and material handling equipment. The company has already earmarked land for the proposed plant at Village Ghanghali, Sihor, District, Bhavnagar, Gujrat and has proposed installed capacity of 100 tons per month of shell moulding and 50 tons per month of investment casting. The total estimated cost of the project is Rs.23.02 crore which will be funded though a debt equity ratio of 0.48x. The tentative COD for the project is April, 2021.

Financials: Since RADPL has no operations and is in project stage with operations to start from April 2021 tentatively, the past financial numbers are not meaningful.



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Financials of the Corporate Guarantor Rudra Global Infra Products Limited (Standalone)

(Rs. Crore)

For the year ended* / As On	31-03-2018	31-03-2019
	Audited	Audited
Total Operating Income	386.60	557.25
EBITDA	29.57	32.20
PAT	11.28	15.75
Total Debt	52.08	73.71
Tangible Net worth	64.38	80.15
EBITDA Margin (%)	7.65	5.78
PAT Margin (%)	2.91	2.80
Overall Gearing Ratio (x)	0.81	0.74

^{*}As per Infomerics' Standard

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Nil

Any other information: Nil

Rating History for last three years:

Sr. No.	Name of Instrument/F acilities	Current Rating (Year 2020-21)			Rating History for the past 3 years		
		Туре	Amount outstandin g (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019- 20	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-18
1.	Term Loan (Proposed)	Long Term	10.00	Provisional IVR BBB- (CE)/Stable	(-)	-	-
2.	Cash Credit (Proposed)	Long Term	5.00	Provisional IVR BBB- (CE)/Stable	-	-	-

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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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Annexure 1: Details of Facilities

Name of	Date of	Coupon	Maturity	Size of Facility	Rating Assigned/
Facility	Issuance	Rate/ IRR	Date	(Rs. Crore)	Outlook
Term Loan					Provisional IVR
(Proposed)	-	-	-	10.00	BBB- (CE)*/Stable
Cash Credit				F 00	Provisional IVR
(Proposed)	-	-	_	5.00	BBB- (CE)*/Stable

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