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Sai Shakti Mahila Technical and Development Services

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Ratings						
Instrument / Facility	Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Ratings	Previous Ratings	Rating Action	Complexity Indicator	
Long Term Facilities- Term Loans	60.14 (Enhanced from Rs.31.04 crore)	IVR BB- /Stable (IVR Double B Minus with Stable Outlook)	IVR B+/Stable (IVR B Plus with Stable Outlook)	Upgraded	Simple	
Long Term Facilities- Term Loans	0.00 (Reduced from Rs.16.24 crore)		IVR B+/Stable (IVR B Plus with Stable Outlook)	Withdrawn*	Simple	
Total	60.14 (INR Sixty crore and fourteen lakhs only)					

September 18, 2024

*Withdrawal is on account of closure of Term loans from Punjab National Bank and State Bank of India sanctioned to SSMTD and on receipt of no dues Certificate from the respective banks. The client has request for withdrawal of the rating assigned to these facilities. The rating withdrawal is in line with the rating withdrawal policy of Infomerics ratings.

Details of Facilities/Instruments are in Annexure 1. Facility wise lender details are at Annexure 2. Detailed explanation of covenants is at Annexure 3.

Detailed Rationale

Infomerics Ratings has upgraded its ratings to the bank facilities of Sai shakti Mahila Technical and Development Services (SSMTD) considering the sustained improvement in asset under management (AUM), extensive experience of promoters. However, rating is partially constrained by Unseasoned portfolio, regional concentration of operations and risk associated with MFI Industry.

Infomerics Ratings expects the outlook to remain stable on account of expected growth in asset under management (AUM) coupled with comfortable capitalization levels and stable asset quality.

The withdrawal of ratings is in line with Infomerics policy on withdrawal of ratings.



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Key Rating Sensitivities:

Upward Factors

• Substantial and sustained improvement in scale of operations while maintaining healthy capitalization, asset quality, profitability and liquidity.

Downward Factors

- Substantial decline in scale of operations, asset quality and capitalization levels from the current levels
- Weakening of the profitability profile on account of higher operating overheads and higher credit costs.

List of Key Rating Drivers with Detailed Description

Key Rating Strengths

• Experienced Management

SSMTD has an experienced and qualified board, led by Mr. Narendra Singh Parihar (Director). Mr. Narendra has an extensive experience in microfinance operations. Mr. Narendra Singh Parihar, together with other KMPs with relevant expertise, manages the day-to-day operations.

• Sustained Improvement in AUM:

SSMTD's AUM has increased almost 2.5x as compared to during FY24 (period refers to 01st April 2023 to 31st March 2024) to Rs.58.5 crore driven by bank channel partnership and increase in disbursements aided by increase in branches. Infomerics expects AUM to improve further through FY25-FY27 with expected equity infusion and term loan borrowing.

Key Rating Weaknesses

• Unseasoned portfolio

SSMTD began its MFI operations in FY21, therefore it only has around three years of operational experience and hence the portfolio is unseasoned with limited track record

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of borrowers. Hence, the GNPA and NNPA of the company remains nil as on 31 March 2024.

Regional Concentration of Operations

SSMTD operates through 16 branches only in one state, Madhya Pradesh, where they are providing services to more than 8,000 clients. One state concentration exposes the SSMTD to higher geographical concentration risk.

 Inherent risks associated with MFI industry coupled with intense competition SSMTD is exposed to stiff competition from other NBFCs and banks. The lending industry focused on small ticket loans is highly fragmented with unorganized lenders also vying for the same set of borrowers.

Also, the company's portfolio remains relatively risky, given the unsecured nature of the same. Unsecured lending to the marginal borrower profile and the political and operational risks associated with microlending may result in high volatility in the asset quality indicators.

Analytical Approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria:

Rating Methodology for Financial Institutions/NBFCs Criteria on assigning rating outlook Policy on Default Recognition and Post-Default Curing Period Complexity Level of Rated Instruments/Facilities Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Financial Sector) Policy on withdrawal of Ratings

Liquidity – Adequate

The company had adequate liquidity in the form of unencumbered cash and liquid balances of Rs.11.73 crore as on March 31, 2024. As the advances comprise relatively shorter-tenure microfinance loans compared to the tenure of the borrowed funds, the asset liability maturity



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profile remains adequate. While Infomerics expects the company to meet its debt obligations in a timely manner, given the cash-in-hand and expected inflow from loan repayments, it would be important for SSMTD to maintain its collection efficiency while ensuring the regular flow of funds to meet its internal growth projections.

About NBFC

Incorporated in 2013, SSMTD is a Non-Banking Financial Company – Microfinance Institution incorporated SSMTD has an aim to provide underprivileged women with economic opportunities to transform the quality of their lives by provide micro-finance lending to Joint Liability Groups (JLG).

Financials (Standalone):

	(Rs. crore)			
For the year ended* / As on	31-03-2023	31-03-2024		
	Audited	Audited		
Total Operating Income	3.23	8.71		
PAT	0.41	1.06		
Tangible Net worth	3.44	12.05		
Total Asset	16.13	50.79		
Ratios				
NIM (%)	9.68	3.54		
ROTA (%)	2.85	2.08		
Interest Coverage (times)	1.20	1.19		
Total CAR (%)	18.96	21.24		
Gross NPA [Stage III] (%)	0.00	0.00		
Net NPA [Stage III] (%)	0.00	0.00		

* Classification as per Infomerics' standards

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information:

Rating History for last three years:

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Sr.	Name of	Current Ratings (Year 2024-25)			Rating History for the past 3 years			
No.	Security/Facilities	Туре	Amount outstandi ng (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2023-24	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2022-23	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in in 2021-22	
					Date (October 19,2023)	Date	Date	
1.	Fund based facilities- Term Loans	Long Term	60.14	IVR BB- /Stable	IVR B+/Stable	-	-	
2.	Fund based facilities- Term Loans*	Long Term	0.00	-	IVR B+/Stable	-	-	

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Annexure 1: Instrument/Facility Details

Name of Facility/ /Security	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Long Term Bank Facilities- Term Ioan	-	-		May 2027	60.14	IVR BB-/Stable

Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details

https://www.infomerics.com/admin/prfiles/Len-Sai-Shakti-Mahila-18sept-24.pdf

Annexure 3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated Security/facilities: Not Applicable

Annexure 4: List of companies considered for consolidated/Combined analysis: Not Applicable

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 <u>www.infomerics.com</u>.

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