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Eppeltone Engineers Private Limited

March 14, 2023

Ratings				
Facilities	Amount	Ratings	Rating Action	<u>Complexity</u>
	(Rs. crore)			Indicator
Long Term	0.67	IVR BB-/ Negative;	Revised from IVR	Simple
Fund Based		Issuer Not	BB/ Stable (IVR	
Bank Facility		Cooperating*	Double B with Stable	
– Term Loan		(IVR Double B	outlook) and moved	
		Minus with Negative	to ISSUER NOT	
		Outlook; Issuer Not	COOPERATING	
		Cooperating*)	category	
Long Term	3.50	IVR BB-/ Negative;	Revised from IVR	Simple
Fund Based		Issuer Not	BB/ Stable (IVR	
Bank Facility		Cooperating*	Double B with Stable	
-Cash Credit		(IVR Double B	outlook) and moved	
		Minus with Negative	to ISSUER NOT	
		Outlook; Issuer Not	COOPERATING	
		Cooperating*)	category	
Short Term	10.50	IVR A4; Issuer Not	Revised from IVR	Simple
Non- Fund		Cooperating*	A4+ (IVR A Four	
Based Bank		(IVR A Four; Issuer	Plus) and moved to	
Facility –		Not Cooperating*)	ISSUER NOT	
Bank			COOPERATING	
Guarantee			category	
Total	14.67			
	(Rupees			
	Fourteen			
	crore and			
	sixty-seven			
	lakh only)			

*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information Details of Facilities are in Annexure 1

Detailed Rationale

The revision in the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of Eppeltone Engineers Private Limited (EEPL) reflects lack of adequate information available and 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 this rating may not adequately reflect the credit risk profile of the entity.



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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 email communications dated February 2, 2023, February 20, 2023, February 27, 2023, March 3, 2023, and March 6, 2023, and concurrently over several phone calls. However, despite the repeated requests by Infomerics, the company's management has not submitted the requested information for monitoring the ratings.

Availability of information is very critical in the rating exercise. In the absence of the requisite information, in consonance with SEBI guidelines, Infomerics has to review the rating based on the best available information. Accordingly, the ratings for the bank facilities of EEPL aggregating Rs.14.67 crore has been moved to the 'ISSUER NOT COOPERATING' category by Infomerics.

Analytical Approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria:

<u>Guidelines on what constitutes Non-Cooperation by Clients</u> <u>Policy of default recognition</u> <u>Criteria of assigning Rating Outlook</u> <u>Rating Methodology for Manufacturing Companies</u> <u>Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Non-Financial Sector)</u>

About the company

EEPL was incorporated in 2002. EEPL is owned & managed by Mr. Deven Chowdhary and Mr. Rohit Chowdhary. EEPL is engaged in manufacturing Static Watt Hour Energy Meters (Single Phase and Three phase) across various communication platforms and technologies. Apart from electronic energy meters, EEPL also manufactures eco-friendly emergency lights, MCB, UPS etc. The company has been present in the electrical components & equipment industry since the last 40 years. The company is also into smart energy meters.

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Financials (Standalone):

		(Rs. crore)
For the year ended / As On*	31-03-2020	31-03-2021
-	(Audited)	(Provisional)
Total Operating Income	30.44	43.05
EBITDA	1.34	2.41
PAT	0.52	1.26
Total Debt	6.82	7.03
Tangible Net worth	13.43	14.82
Ratios		
EBITDA Margin (%)	4.42	5.59
PAT Margin (%)	1.67	2.89
Overall Gearing Ratio (x)	0.51	0.47
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*Classification as per Infomerics' standards

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:

CRISIL continued to maintain the ratings assigned to EEPL's bank facilities in the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category vide Press Release dated October 17, 2022, due to non-submission of information by the company.

Any other information: Nil

Rating History for last three years:

Sr.	Name of	Current Ratings (Year 2022-23)			Rating History for the past 3 years			
No.	Facilities	Туре	Amount outstan ding (Rs. crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2021-22 (January 28, 2022)	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2020-21	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-20	
1.	Term Loan	Long Term	0.67	IVR BB-/ Negative; Issuer Not Cooperating*	IVR BB/Stable	-	-	
2.	Cash Credit	Long Term	3.50	IVR BB-/ Negative; Issuer Not Cooperating*	IVR BB/Stable	-	-	
3	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	10.50	IVR A4; Issuer Not Cooperating*	IVR A4 +	-	-	

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About Infomerics:

Infomerics Valuation and Rating Private Limited (Infomerics) was founded in the year 1986 by a team of highly experienced and knowledgeable finance professionals. Subsequently, after obtaining Securities Exchange Board of India registration and RBI accreditation and the activities of the company are extended to External Credit Assessment Institution (ECAI).

Adhering to best International Practices and maintaining high degree of ethics, the team of knowledgeable analytical professionals deliver credible evaluation of rating.

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Annexure 1: Details of Facilities

Name of Facility	Date of Issuance	Coupo n Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Term Loan	-	-	-	0.67	IVR BB-/ Negative; Issuer Not Cooperating*

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Cash Credit	-	-	-	3.50	IVR BB-/ Negative; Issuer Not
					Cooperating*
Bank Guarantee	-	-	-	10.50	IVR A4; Issuer Not
					Cooperating*

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Annexure 2: List of companies considered for consolidated analysis: Not Applicable

Annexure 3: Facility wise lender details: Not available

Annexure 4: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instrument/facilities: 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>.