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Hill Brow Metallics and Construction Pvt Ltd

March 29, 2025

Ratings

Security Facility /	Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Ratings	Previous Ratings	Rating Action	Complexity Indicator
Long Term Bank Facilities	12.50	IVR BB+/- Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (IVR Double B Plus with Negative Outlook; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING)	IVR BBB-/- Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (IVR Triple B Minus with Negative outlook; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING)	Rating downgraded and continues to be in ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category	Simple
Short Term Bank Facilities	42.50	IVR A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (IVR A Four Plus; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING)	IVR A3; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (IVR A Three; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING)	Rating downgraded and continues to be in ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category	Simple
Total	55.00 (Rupees fifty-five crore only)				

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

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 downgraded the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of Hill Brow Metallics and Construction Pvt Ltd (HBMCP) because of continuous non-cooperation by the company despite repeated follow ups and lack of adequate information leading to information availability risk and hence uncertainty around its credit risk.

Infomerics Ratings assesses whether the information available about the company is commensurate with its rating and reviews the same as per its policy. The outlook remains negative due to information availability risk.



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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 company.

Non-cooperation by Issuer

Infomerics Ratings 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 March 11, 2025, March 12, 2025 and March 17, 2025, and concurrently over several phone calls. However, despite repeated requests by Infomerics Ratings, the company's management has not submitted all the essential details required for detailed review of the assigned ratings. Availability of information is very critical in rating exercise. In the absence of the requisite information, in consonance with SEBI guidelines, Infomerics Ratings has to assign the rating based on the best available information.

Analytical Approach: Combined

For arriving at the rating, Infomerics has combined the financial risk profiles of Sunil Kumar Agarwal LLP and Hill Brow Metallics and Construction Pvt Ltd (HBMCPCL) as these entities are run under a common management, have strong operational & financial linkages and cash flow fungibility. Further, both these entities (commonly referred as SKA group) are in construction 5 business and HBMCPCL is one of the partners of Sunil Kumar Agarwal LLP. The lists of Companies considered for consolidation are given in Annexure 4.

Applicable Criteria:

[Guidelines on what constitutes Non-Cooperation by clients](#)

[Policy of default recognition](#)

[Criteria for assigning rating outlook](#)

[Rating Methodology for Infrastructure Companies](#)

[Financial Ratios & Interpretation \(Non- Financial Sector\)](#)

[Criteria on complexity](#)

[Consolidation of companies](#)

Liquidity: Unable to comment due to non-availability of information despite repeated follow ups.

About the company

Sunil Kumar Agarwal LLP is established as a proprietorship company in the year 1990 by Mr. Sunil Kumar Agarwal. In 2002, it has been converted into partnership company and



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subsequently to manage its growing scale of operation, it has been converted to Limited Liability partnership in 2017. It is a Raipur based company managed by Mr. Sunil Kumar Agrawal and his family members. Hill-Brow Metalics and Construction Private Limited, renamed in 2007, was originally incorporated in 2004 in the name of Hill-Brow Metalics Private Limited by Mr. Sunil Kumar Agarwal. HBMCPPL is a partner in Sunil Kumar Agarwal LLP. Both these companys undertake road construction and maintenance projects for various schemes under central government, state government departments such as the Public Works Department, National Highway Authority of India under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY), Mukhya Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (MMGSY) in and around Chhattisgarh.

Financials (Standalone): Latest financials not available

For the year ended/ As on*	31-03-2022	31-03-2023
	Audited	Provisional
Total Operating Income	168.09	105.75
EBITDA	19.35	15.44
PAT	11.51	7.84
Total Debt	32.03	30.06
Tangible Net Worth	58.43	66.27
EBITDA Margin (%)	11.51	14.60
PAT Margin (%)	6.75	7.25
Overall Gearing Ratio (x)	0.55	0.45
Interest Coverage (x)	7.82	5.46

* Classification as per Infomerics' standards.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: The ratings of Hill Brow Metalics and Construction Pvt Ltd (HBMCPPL) has been continued to be classified under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category by India Ratings & Research as per Press Release dated July 14, 2024, due to unavailability of information.

Any other information: Nil

Rating History for last three years:



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Sr. No	Name of Security/Facilities	Current Ratings (Year 2024-2025)				Rating History for the past 3 years				
		Type (Long Term/Short Term)	Amount outstanding (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 2021-22
					Nov 01, 2024	Oct 17, 2023	Aug 31, 2023	Aug 01, 2023	Aug 12, 2022	Dec 28, 2021
1.	Cash Credit	Long Term	12.50	IVR BB+; Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	IVR BBB-/Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	IVR BBB+; Stable	IVR BBB+; RWDI ^	IVR BBB+; RWDI ^	IVR BBB+; Stable	IVR BBB; Positive
2.	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	32.50	IVR A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	IVR A3; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	IVR A2	IVR A2; RWDI ^	IVR A2 RWDI ^	IVR A2	IVR A3+
3.	Proposed-Non-Fund Based	Short Term	10.00	IVR A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	IVR A3; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	IVR A2	IVR A2; RWDI ^	IVR A2 RWDI ^	IVR A2	IVR A3+

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^Rating Watch with Developing Implications

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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
Cash Credit	-	-	-	-	12.50	IVR BB+; Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Bank Guarantee	-	-	-	-	32.50	IVR A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Proposed- Non- Fund Based	-	-	-	-	10.00	IVR A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details: Not Available



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

Annexure 4: List of companies considered for consolidated/Combined analysis:

Name of the company	Consolidated Approach
Sunil Kumar Agarwal LLP	Full Consolidation
Hill Brow Metallics and Construction Pvt Ltd	Full Consolidation

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.

