Press Release

IDL Explosives Limited [IDL]

February 25, 2022

Rating

Sr. No.	Instrument/ Facility	Amount (INR Crore)	Rating Assigned	Rating Action	Complexity Indicators
1	Long Term Fund based – Cash Credit	10.00	IVR A-/ Stable Outlook; [IVR Single A minus with Stable Outlook]	Rating revised from IVR A to IVR A- and removed from Credit watch with Developing Implications	Simple
2	Short Term Non-Fund based – Bank Guarantee/ Letter of Credit/ CEL limit	290.40*	IVR A2+ [IVR A Two plus]	Rating revised from IVR A1 to IVR A2+ and removed from Credit Watch with Developing Imp	Simple
	Total	**300.40**			

* *Including proposed limit of INR 91.00 Crore*

Details of facilities are in Annexure 1

Rating Rationale

The revision in the rating reflects decline in revenue & operating profitability margin during FY21 (Audited) and 9MFY22 results.

The rating continues to derive strength from Long track record of the Holding Company (GOCL), Strong promoter group and experienced management, Demonstrated support from Hinduja group, Niche product segment, Comfortable gearing ratios, Improved operating cycle, Good order book position and Government opportunities. The rating is however constrained by Moderate profitability, Customer concentration risk, Vulnerability of profitability to fluctuations in raw material price, Concentration towards mining sector.

Key Rating Sensitivities:

- **Upward Rating Factor:**

  Substantial & sustained improvement in the revenue & EBITDA margin while improving the debt protection metrics

- **Downward Rating Factor:**

  Any further decline in revenue and/or EBITDA margin leading to a decline in debt protection metrics

Detailed Description of Key Rating Drivers

Key Rating Strengths

Long Track Record of the Holding Company (GOCL)

IDL is a 100% subsidiary of GOCL. GOCL was incorporated in 1961 for manufacturing industrial explosives, reflecting a track record of more than 5 decades. In the past, the company had forayed into various segments like lubricants, mining, real estate, wind energy, food chemicals, pharmaceuticals, etc. through various joint ventures/ subsidiaries. Currently, like IDL, it has its presence mainly in energetic & explosives with real estate and mining segments constituting a small proportion of revenue at present.

Strong Promoter Group and experienced Management

The company is a part of the Hinduja Group which came into existence in 1918. It is one of the largest diversified groups having presence in around 30 countries in sectors encompassing automotive, oil & gas, banking & finance, power, IT & BPO, media and healthcare. The day-to-day affairs of the company are currently looked after by Mr. Subhas Pramanik, Managing Director of IDL as well as GOCL. He is well assisted by a team of experienced management professionals whose experience in running various businesses is a key strength for IDL.

Demonstrated Support from Hinduja Group

The Hinduja group has provided timely and adequate financial support to IDL at various points in time. In FY18, the holding company, GOCL had infused equity in the company to the tune of Rs.19.06 Crore. [Equity - INR 1.82 Crore & Premium - INR 17.24 Crore (@ Rs.95 per share)].

Niche Product segment

IDL operates in a niche product segment wherein it manufactures cartridge, Bulk explosives and cladded products which are mainly used in the mining sector. Also, it is in the process of developing new products which will find application in the defence, space and metal cladding, for which the company already has some small orders in place.

Strong Debt metrics & Coverage indicators

The overall gearing ratio (on TNW including Quasi Equity) of the Company is comfortable 0.61x as at FY20 & 0.36x as at FY21. The long-term debt to equity ratio stood comfortable at 0.05x as at FY21 (0.11x as at FY19). The Total outside liabilities to Tangible Net Worth of the Company also stood comfortable & improved from 1.44x as at FY20 to 0.92x as at FY21. The interest coverage ratio is also comfortable at 1.98x in FY21.

Moderate Operating Cycle

The Average Operating Cycle of the Company has remained at same level from 60 days as at FY20 to 66 days as at FY21, and gross current asset days has improvement from 129.12 days in FY20 to 125.46 days in FY21 mainly on account of reduction in receivable days & an increase in the payment period, reflecting lower funds being blocked in working capital.

Good Order Book position

The orders on hand as on date aggregate to INR 699 Crore; of which Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries contributed INR 581 Crore and Singareni Collaries Company Limited contributed INR 73 Crore. These orders on hand of INR 669 Crore constitute 106% of FY21 turnover.

Government opportunities

The activity in the defence sector is increasing, especially with the stabilization of the 'Make in India' projects and initiatives. The niche areas which are catered to by the Company's Special

Product and Metal Cladding Groups are coming into prominence and they expect to develop more sophisticated products for these niche markets.

Key Rating Weaknesses

Moderate profitability

Over a period of last 3 years, the Company's total income from operations has been at an average of INR ~410 Crore. However, the operating income of the Company has decreased from INR ~427 Crore in FY20 to INR ~339 Crore in FY21, indicating a decrease of 19%,. The EBITDA margin also deteriorated to 4.15% in FY21 from 4.45% in FY20 due to Covid-19 situation in the country.

Customer Concentration risk

The Company's top five customers accounted for around 70% in FY21 (71% in FY20) of the total revenue, reflecting high customer concentration risk for the company.

Vulnerability of profitability to fluctuations in raw material price

The basic raw materials required by the company are chemicals, metals etc. the prices of which are volatile in nature. Hence, the profitability of IDL is exposed to variations in raw material prices.

Concentration towards mining sector

The products manufactured by the company are mainly used in the mining sector, which is highly regulated. Any adverse changes in the regulatory and environmental framework are the key rating sensitivities.

Analytical Approach & Applicable Criteria:

- Standalone
- Rating Methodology for manufacturing companies (https://www.infomerics.com/rating-methodology-detail/manufacturing-companies)

- Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Non-Financial Sector) (https://www.infomerics.com/rating-criteria-detail/financial-ratios--implication)

Liquidity: Adequate

The Company has been earning a comfortable level of GCA for the last few years and the same is expected to increase further with increase in scale of operations. The company maintains moderate cash and bank balance to meet its liquidity requirements. As at March 31, 2021, the company had cash & balance of INR 21.14 Crore. The utilization of working capital limits remained at 3.37% during the 12 months ended December 31, 2020, leading to a comfortable liquidity cushion.

About the Company

IDL Explosives Limited (IEL) was incorporated in 2010. The company is a part of the 'Hinduja Group' which is one of the largest diversified group in the country spanning various sectors of the economy. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of GOCL Corporation Limited (GOCL). The Company is located at Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh). At the time of inception of this company, the bulk explosives division of GOCL was demerged and IEL was formed. At present, the company is engaged in the manufacture of bulk explosive products which are used in the mining & infrastructure segment. Also, the company manufactures explosive bonded metal clads and special devices for defence and space applications, however on a small scale.

Financials (Standalone)

INR in Crore

For the year ended / As on	31-Mar-20 Audited	31-Mar-21 Audited
Total Operating Income	427.32	339.28
EBITDA	21.12	14.09

PAT	8.20	4.61
Total Debt	52.35	32.13
Tangible Net Worth	85.57	90.08
EBIDTA Margin (%)	4.94	4.15
PAT Margin (%)	1.91	1.34
Overall Gearing ratio (x)	0.61	0.36

Classification as per Infomerics' standards

Details of Non Co-operation with any other CRA: N.A.

Any other information: N.A.

Rating History for last three years:

Name of the Facility/ Instrument	Current Rating (Year: 2021-22)			Rating History for the past 3 years		
	Type	Amount (INR Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2020-21 (Nov. 27,2020)	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-20 (Nov 04, 2019)	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-19 (Mar. 14,2019
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	Total	**300.40**				

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Annexure 1: Details of Facilities

Name of Facility	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook

Long Term Fund Based Facility – Cash Credit	-	-	-	10.00	IVR A-/ Stable Outlook. [IVR Single A minus with Stable Outlook]
Short Term Non-Fund Based Facility – Bank Guarantee/Letter of Credit/CEL	-	-	-	290.40	IVR A2+ [IVR A two Plus]

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

Annexure 3: Facility wise lender details

https://www.infomerics.com/admin/prfiles/IDL-explosive-lenders-feb22.pdf

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 www.infomerics.com.