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Kute Sons Dairys Limited (KSDL)

January 8, 2024

Ratings:

Instrument /	Amount	Ratings	Rating	Complexity Indicator
Facility	(INR Crore)		Action	
Long Term Bank Facilities – Term Loans	36.82	IVR BB/ Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (IVR Double B with Negative Outlook; Issuer Not Cooperating) *	Rating revised and moved to Issuer Not Cooperating category	Simple
Long-Term Working Capital Facilities – Cash Credit	230.00	IVR BB/ Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (IVR Double B with Negative Outlook; Issuer Not Cooperating) *	Rating revised and moved to Issuer Not Cooperating category	Simple
Proposed Long Term bank facilities	2.35	IVR BB/ Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (IVR Double B with Negative Outlook; Issuer Not Cooperating) *	Rating revised and moved to Issuer Not Cooperating category	Simple
Total	269.17 (Rupees Two Hundred Sixty Nine Crore and Seventeen Lakh only)			

^{*}Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information

Details of Facility are in Annexure 1 Detailed Rationale

The revision in the ratings reflects lack of adequate information available, non-payment of annual surveillance fees 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.

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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 entity.

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 mail communications December 4, 2023, December 11, 2023, December 14, 2023, December 18, 2023, December 27, 2023, and January 01, 2024, and concurrently over several phone calls. However, despite repeated requests by Infomerics, the company's management has not submitted NDS (No default statement) since October 2023 and other essential details/information.

Availability of information is very critical in rating exercise. In the absence of the requisite information, in consonance with SEBI guidelines, Infomerics has to assign the rating based on the best available information. Accordingly, the ratings for the bank facilities of KSDL aggregating Rs. 269.17 crore has been revised and moved to 'ISSUER NOT COOPERATING' to IVR BB/ Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category by Infomerics.

Analytical Approach: Consolidated

For arriving at the rating, Infomerics has combined the business and financial risk profiles of 2 companies KSDL and Kute Sons Fresh Dairy Private Limited (KSFDPL) moving forward referred as a Kute Sons Dairy Group as they are in the same lines of business under a common management and have financial linkages & legal linkages as KSFDPL is a wholly owned subsidiary of KSDL.

Applicable Criteria:

Rating Methodology for Manufacturing Companies

Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Non-Financial Sector)

Guidelines on what constitutes Non-Cooperation by clients

Consolidation of Companies

Criteria of Rating Outlook

Policy of default recognition

About the Company (KSDL)

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KSDL was incorporated in February 1996 as Swaraj India Industries Limited (SIL) by Mr. Ranjeetsingh Naik Nimbalkar (Present Member of Parliament from Madhaconstituency - Maharashtra). SIL was taken over by Kute Group though Tirumalla Oil Refinery Private Limited (TORPL) in the year July 2019 and name was changed to KSDL. KSDL is engaged in processing of milk & milk related products such as Ghee, Milk & Dahi. KDSL's manufacturing plant are located at Phaltan, Satara&Pathardi, Ahmednagar. The existing installed milk processing capacity of the company is 20 lakh Litres per day. KSDL markets and sells its products under the brand name of "Good MorninG's".

About the Company: KSFDPL

KSFDPL was incorporated in the year 2014 as Fresh n Naturals Dairy Farms Private Limited (FNDFPL) by Phaltan based Nimbalkar family FNDFPL was subsidiary of SIL. Consequent to takeover of SIL by TORPL in July 2019; FNDFPL became step-down subsidiary of TORPL, and name was changed to KSFDPL is engaged in the milk processing and milk related products such as butter, ghee, cheese, milk-whitener, whole-milk powder, and skimmed-milk powder among others. The existing installed milk processing capacity of the company is 3.5 lakh Litres per day. The milk processing unit of the company is located in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra.

Financials (Consolidated):

(Rs. crore)

For the year ended/* As On	31-03-2021	31-03-2022	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	
Total Operating Income	1214.79	1431.99	
EBITDA	80.50	118.44	
PAT	25.40	53.41	
Total Debt	319.59	528.35	
Adjusted Tangible Net-worth	223.13	367.42	
Ratios:			
EBITDA Margin (%)	6.63	8.27	
PAT Margin (%)	2.09	3.73	
Overall Gearing Ratio (x)	1.43	1.44	

^{*}Classification as per Infomerics' standards

Financials (Standalone):

(Rs. crore)



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For the year ended/* As On	31-03-2021	31-03-2022	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	
Total Operating Income	928.07	1105.01	
EBITDA	72.86	108.86	
PAT	24.29	52.14	
Total Debt	289.31	491.58	
Adjusted Tangible Net-worth	188.54	340.67	
Ratios:			
EBITDA Margin (%)	7.85	9.85	
PAT Margin (%)	2.62	4.72	
Overall Gearing Ratio (x)	1.53	1.44	

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Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Brickwork Ratings has continued the ratings of KSDL in the 'Issuer not cooperating' category vide its press release dated April 17, 2023, due to non-submission of the relevant information.

Any other information: Nil

Rating History for last three years:

		Current Rating (Year 2023-24)			Rating History for the past 3 years			
S. N	Name of Instrume nt/ Facilities	Тур	Amoun t outsta nding (INR Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2023-24 (October 30, 2023)	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2022-23 (December 20, 2022)	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2021-22 (October 13, 2021)	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2020- 21
1.	Long Term Bank Facilities – Term Loans	Long Ter m	36.82	IVR BB/ Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPER ATING *	IVR BBB/ RWNI #	IVR A-/ Positive	IVR A-/ Positive	-
2.	Long- Term Working Capital Facilities – Cash Credit	Long Ter m	230.00	IVR BB/ Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPER ATING *	IVR BBB/ RWNI	IVR A-/ Positive	IVR A-/ Positive	-



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3.	Proposed Long Term bank facilities	Long Ter m	2.35	IVR BB/ Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPER ATING *	IVR BBB/ RWNI	IVR A-/ Positive	IVR A-/ Positive	-

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About Infomerics:

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[#] RWNI: Rating Watch Negative Implications



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Annexure 1: Details of Instruments / Facilities

Name of Instruments / Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (INR Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Long Term Bank Facilities – Term Loans	-	-	Upto 2028	36.82	IVR BB/ Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *
Long-Term Working Capital Facilities – Cash Credit	-	1	-	230.00	IVR BB/ Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *
Proposed Long Term bank facilities	-	-	-	2.35	IVR BB/ Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *

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Annexure 2: List of companies considered for consolidated analysis:

Name of the Entity	Extent of consolidation		
KSDL	Full*		
KSFDPL	Full*		

^{*}Intercompany transaction has been adjusted as per Infomerics standard.

Annexure 3: Facility wise lender details: Not Available



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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.