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### Mohan Mutha Exports Private Limited (MMEPL)

#### February 1, 2025

Ratings					
Instrument / Facility	Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Ratings	Previous Ratings	Rating Action	Complexity Indicator
Long Term Facilities	33.00	IVR BBB-/ Stable (IVR Triple B Minus with Stable Outlook)	-	Rating Assigned	Simple
Short Term Facilities	245.00	IVR A3 (IVR A Three)	-	Rating Assigned	Simple
Long Term / Short Term Facilities	22.00	IVR BBB-/ Stable / IVR A3 (IVR Triple B Minus with Stable Outlook / IVR A Three)	-	Rating Assigned	<u>Simple</u>
Total	300.00 (Rupees Three Hundred crore only)				

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 assigned rating to the bank facilities of MMEPL which derive strength from diversified revenue stream and moderate profitability, strong order book, comfortable capital structure and debt protection metrics and experienced promoters with an established track record in the industry. However, these rating strengths are partially offset by high exposure to Maldives, working capital intensive nature of operations and foreign exchange fluctuation risk.

The ratings have been assigned a stable outlook as the MMEPL's business and financial risk profile is expected to be maintained over the medium term.

Key Rating Sensitivities:

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#### **Upward Factors**

• Sustained improvement in EBITDA margins and revenue while maintaining the current credit profile

#### **Downward Factors**

• Sustained decline in revenue and profitability and/or deterioration in working capital cycle and/or any debt fund led capex to deterioration in credit profile and liquidity.

#### List of Key Rating Drivers with Detailed Description

#### **Key Rating Strengths**

Diversified revenue stream and moderate profitability

MMEPL has diversified revenue stream with trading accounts for ~59% of the revenue for FY24 (period refers to 01st April 2023 to 31st March 2024) and ~39% from EPC segment. As per management, EPC segment contribution likely to increase through FY25-FY27 due to strong order book.

MMEPL's profitability in terms of EBITDA margins and PAT margins have improved to 9.07% and 5.97% respectively during FY24 (FY23: 8.33% and 4.01% respectively) due to higher contribution from high margin EPC segment. Infomerics expects profitability to improve further with higher contribution from EPC segment. MMEPL has earned revenue of Rs.769.55 during 9MFY25 and EBITDA margins of 9.10%.

#### • Strong Order Book

As on September 30, 2024, the company had an unexecuted order book position of Rs.4861 crore (4.50x of FY24 revenue), to be executed in a period of 24 months indicates medium revenue visibility. All orders are exclusively from international clients. The order book are from customers like Rail Vikas Nigam Limited for infrastructure projects to be executed in Maldives the same is funded by Government of India, Government of Male (Maldives) (the company works only with advance payment) and Novel Muscat, Oman.

Comfortable capital structure and debt protection metrics

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MMEPL's capital structure remained comfortable in FY24 with overall gearing (on Adjusted tangible Net Worth (incl. Corp. Guarantee)) (MMEPL has extended corporate guarantee to secure term loan to its subsidiary company i.e. HRS Infratech PTE Ltd.) as well as TOL/ATNW improved to 0.68x and 1.73x respectively as on 31st March 2024 (31st March 2023: 1.02x and 1.82x respectively) with improvement in net worth and repayment of loans. Informerics expects capital structure to improve in the medium term with profit accretion to the net worth and absence of debt led capex. Debt protection metrics remained comfortable with interest coverage ratio which has improved and stood at 3.90x in FY24 (P.Y.: 2.80x) and total debt/NCA has improved and stood at 2.04 years in FY24 (FY23: 5.95 years) with scheduled debt repayments. IVR expects debt protection metrics are expected to be remain comfortable through FY25-FY27 with absence of any debt led capex.

#### • Experienced Promoters with an established track record in the industry

MMEPL started its operations 2006 and has a long track record of around two decades. The promoters have extensive industry experience and an established track record in trading and EPC business. Along with the experienced management team the company enjoys the benefit of established relationships with customers and suppliers.

#### **Key Rating Weaknesses**

#### High Exposure Maldives

MMEPL derives more than 90% of the revenue from Maldives; as on 31st December 2024, total receivable from Maldives is around Rs.90 crore. However, Infomerics derives comfort as MMEPL exports mainly essential commodities like construction materials, food items and other items and the company directly deals with Government Departments.

#### Working capital intensive nature of operations

The operations of the company are working capital intensive largely due to higher working capital requirements. MMEPL net working capital stood at 91 days at the end of FY24 (FY23: 137 days), with collection days of 147 days (FY23: 178 days). Collection days were higher due to delay in receipt of payment from trading segment, majority of the receivables



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are from Maldives. However, as per management, these receivables are recoverable in nature as MMEPL trades mainly includes essential commodities. Debtors more than 180 days stood at Rs.178.46 crore in FY24 which heighten the receivable risk; however Infomerics derives comfort as debtors in this bucket has been reduced significantly when compared with 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

#### • Foreign exchange fluctuation risk

Exports accounts for 98% of the revenue for FY24, hence MMEPL exposes to foreign exchange fluctuation risk. However, MMEPL has the option to hedge its exposure through forward contracts.

#### Analytical Approach: Standalone Approach

#### Applicable Criteria:

Rating Methodology for Trading Companies Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Non-Financial Sector). Criteria for assigning Rating outlook. Policy on Default Recognition Complexity Level of Rated Instruments/Facilities

#### Liquidity – Adequate

MMEPL's liquidity is expected to remain adequate in medium term as the company is not having any planned capex and also expected adequate cash accruals during FY25 to FY27. The free cash and cash equivalents balance stood at Rs.44.98 crore as on March 31, 2024, while average working capital utilisation for the 12 months ended October2024 remained moderate at ~36%. Current ratio stood at 1.56x as on March 31, 2024.

#### About the Company

MMEPL was incorporated in the year 2006. The company is closely held by the promoters through a holding company, Mohan Mutha Sons Investments Private Limited (MMSIPL). MMEPL is an exporter of construction and infrastructure raw materials and fittings, food and



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commodities, apparels and textiles, etc, primarily to Maldives and also engaged in EPC business.

#### Financials (Standalone):

	(Rs. crore)	
31-03-2023	31-03-2024	
Audited	Audited	
760.26	1058.28	
63.34	95.94	
30.63	64.21	
196.99	136.94	
193.38	259.80	
8.33	9.07	
4.01	5.97	
1.02	0.53	
2.80	3.90	
	Audited   760.26   63.34   30.63   196.99   193.38   8.33   4.01   1.02	

\* Classification as per Infomerics' standards.

#### Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:

ICRA Ratings has moved the ratings of MMEPL into the Issuer Non-Cooperating category because of lack of adequate information as per the press release dated September 9, 2024.

#### Any other information: Nil

#### Rating History for last three years:

		Current Ratings (2024-25)			Rating History for the past 3 years			
Sr. No.	Name of Security / Facilities	Type (Long Term/Short Term)	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	
1.	Term Loans	Long Term	33.00	IVR BBB-/ Stable				
2.	Packing Credit	Short Term	65.00	IVR A3				
3.	FDDBP/ FDUBD/ RDBF/ RUBF	Short Term	10.00	IVR A3				
4.	Advance against collection bills	Short Term	80.00	IVR A3				
5.	WCDL	Short Term	5.00	IVR A3				
6.	Letter of Credit	Short Term	35.00	IVR A3				

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7.	Letter of Guarantee	Short Term	50.00	IVR A3				
8.	Proposed	Long Term / Short Term	22.00	IVR BBB-/ Stable / IVR A3				

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Name of Facility/ /Security	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Term Loans	-	-	-	Upto September 2026	33.00	IVR BBB-/ Stable
Packing Credit	-	-		) - (	65.00	IVR A3
FDDBP/ FDUBD/ RDBF/ RUBF	-	-	-	-	10.00	IVR A3
Advance against collection bills	-		-	· ·	80.00	IVR A3
WCDL	-		-	-	5.00	IVR A3
Letter of Credit	-	-		-	35.00	IVR A3
Letter of Guarantee	-	-	-	-	50.00	IVR A3
Proposed	-	-		-	22.00	IVR BBB-/ Stable / IVR A3

#### Annexure 1: Facility Details

Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details: https://www.infomerics.com/admin/prfiles/len-mohanmutha-feb25.pdf

Annexure 3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated 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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