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Premier Marine Foods

Nov 22 , 2023

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Ratings	Previous Rating	Rating Action	Complexity
Long Term Bank Facilities	15.31	IVR BB/ (Negative)/ INC (IVR Double B with Negative Outlook/ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING)	IVR BB+ /Stable Outlook (Pronounced as IVR Double B Plus with Stable Outlook)	Downgraded and moved to ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING category.	Simple
Short Term Bank Facilities	56.00	IVR A4/INC (IVR Single A Four /ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING)	IVR A4+ (Pronounced as IVR Single A Four Plus)	Downgraded and moved to ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING category.	Simple
Total	71.31	Seventy One Crores and Thirty One Lakhs Only			

Ratings

Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information

Detailed Rationale

The rating revision is because of lack of adequate information regarding Premier Marine Foods performance and hence 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.

Infomerics has been regularly following up with the company to provide the required data including Cash flow, bank statements and other data to monitor its assigned rating to the bank facilities, vide multiple E-mail communications latest by Oct 25 , 2023 and concurrently over several phone calls. However, despite repeated requests by Infomerics, the company's management has not submitted the essential details. Accordingly, the lenders, investors and other users of this rating are requested to exercise adequate caution while using this rating as this rating may not adequately reflect the current credit risk profile of the company.

Non-cooperation by Issuer

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 Long/Short term ratings for the bank loan facilities of Premier Marine



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Foods aggregating to Rs. 71.31 crore shall be moved in the 'ISSUER NOT COOPERATING' category by Infomerics and the rating be noted as IVR BB/Negative/A4; Issuer Not Co-operating; Based on best available information.

Analytical Approach & Applicable Criteria

Standalone

[Rating Methodology for Trading Company](#)

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

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

About the company

Constituted in January, 2006 as a partnership firm, Premier Marine Foods is a Chandiroor, Kerala-based seafood exporter. The firm exports seafood like cuttlefish, shrimp, squid, octopus, and fish whole etc. The firm comprise of eight partners viz, Mr. A Musthafa, Mr. M Nihas, Mr. Shahjahan S, Mr. M Shanimol, Mr. M Nishad, Mr. M Thajunnisa, Mr. M Ansilamol, and Ms. Muneera Musthafa of which Mr. A Musthafa is the managing partner who has over five decades of rich experience and he is supported by his son, Mr. Nizam Musthafa.

Financials (standalone):

(Rs. crore)

For the Year Ended/As on	31-03-2021 (Audited)	31-03-2022 (Prov.)
Total Operating Income	142.82	181.91
EBITDA	4.43	6.96
PAT	0.98	1.23
Total Debt	43.70	48.38
Tangible Net Worth	13.71	15.59
EBITDA Margin (%)	3.10	3.82
PAT Margin(%)	0.68	0.67
Overall Gearing Ratio (x)	3.28x	3.19x

*Classification as per Infomerics' standards



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Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Nil

Any other information: Nil

Rating History for last three years:

Sr. No.	Name of Instrument/Facilities	Current Rating (Year 2023-24)			Rating History for the past 3 years			
		Type	Amount outstanding (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2022-23 Sep 07, 2022	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2022-23 Apr 11, 2022	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2021-22	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 20-21 Dated : Jan 20, 2021
1	Long Term Bank Facilities – Term Loan	Long Term	15.31	IVR BB/ (Negative)/ INC (IVR Double B with Negative Outlook/ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING)	IVR BB+ /Stable Outlook (Pronounced as IVR Double B Plus with Stable Outlook)	IVR BB/ INC (IVR Double B/ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING)	-	IVR BB+ /Stable Outlook (Pronounced as IVR Double B Plus with Stable Outlook)
2	Short Term Bank Facilities – Bill Discounting	Short Term	36.00	IVR A4/INC (IVR Single A Four /ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING)	IVR A4+ (Pronounced as IVR Single A Four Plus)	IVR A4/INC (IVR Single A Four /ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING)	-	IVR A4+ (Pronounced as IVR Single A Four Plus)
3	Short Term Bank Facilities – Export packing Credit Limit	Short Term	20.00	IVR A4/INC (IVR Single A Four /ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING)	IVR A4+ (Pronounced as IVR Single A Four Plus)	IVR A4/INC (IVR Single A Four /ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING)	-	IVR A4+ (Pronounced as IVR Single A Four Plus)

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.

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Infomerics Valuation and Rating Private Ltd (Infomerics) was founded in the year 1986 by a team of highly experienced finance professionals for research and risk evaluation. Infomerics commenced its activities as External Credit Assessment Institution after obtaining registration from Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and accreditation from Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

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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
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Long Term Bank Facilities – Term Loan	-	-	-	15.31	IVR BB/ (Negative)/ INC (IVR Double B with Negative Outlook/ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING)
Short Term Bank Facilities – Bill Discounting	-	-	-	36.00	IVR A4/INC (IVR Single A Four /ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING)
Short Term Bank Facilities – Export packing Credit Limit				20.00	IVR A4/INC (IVR Single A Four /ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING)

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

Annexure 3: Facility wise lender details:

<https://www.infomerics.com/admin/prfiles/len-Premier-nov23.pdf>

Annexure 4: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instrument/facilities: Not Applicable

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