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RMC Switchgears Limited

August 14, 2024

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Current Ratings	Previous Ratings	Rating Action	Complexity Indicator
Long-Term Bank Facilities	50.45	IVR BBB-; Stable (IVR Triple B Minus with Stable outlook)	-	Assigned	Simple
Short-Term Bank Facilities	90.30	IVR A3 (IVR A Three)	-	Assigned	Simple
Total	140.75 (INR One hundred forty crore and seventy-five lakh 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

The ratings assigned to the bank facilities of RMC Switchgears Limited (RMCSL) is driven by the sustained improvement in business performance of the company over the past couple of years leading to satisfactory financial risk profile. The ratings also drive comfort from the long operational track record of the company under experienced promoter along with satisfactory orderbook position indicating a short to medium term revenue visibility with reputed clientele base. However, these rating strengths are constrained by the tender driven nature of business coupled with susceptibility of profitability to volatility in raw material prices. Further, the high working capital intensive nature of its operation and high client concentration risk is also taken into consideration. The stable outlook reflects expected stable business performance of the company in the near term marked by healthy demand of smart meters and extensive industry experience of the promoters.

Key Rating Sensitivities:

Upward factors

- Significant growth in scale of business with improvement in profitability metrics thereby leading to overall improvement in cash accruals on a sustained basis
- Reduction in client concentration
- Improvement in the capital structure with improvement in TOL/TNW to below 1.20x



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- Improvement in operating cycle leading to improvement in liquidity

Downward Factors

- Moderation in operating income and/or profitability impacting the debt protection metrics on a sustained basis
- Any unplanned capex and/or substantial increase in working capital leading to impairment in capital structure with overall gearing ratio moderated to over 2x and/or moderation in interest coverage to below 2.5x
- Moderation in the operating cycle to over 160 days leading to stretch in liquidity

List of Key Rating Drivers with Detailed Description

Key Rating Strengths:

- **Experienced promoters with long operational track record**

The promoters of the company have long standing experience of nearly three decades in the electrical goods manufacturing industry. The promoters are well supported by a team of experienced personnel. Over the past couple of years, beside the improvement in scale of operation the company has strengthened its market presence by successful and timely execution of multiple orders. Further to diversify and enhance the product and service offering, RMCSL has inaugurated two subsidiaries with ~51% stake namely Intelligent Hydel Solutions Private Limited, marking its foray into India's Water IoT Solutions sector and RMC Green Energy Private Limited in order to expanding its footprint in the renewable energy sector.

- **Sustained improvement in business performance**

Driven by the improved market presence coupled with enhanced product offerings in smart metering solutions as an outcome of India's Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), which aims to enhance the efficiencies and financial sustainability of DISCOMs through advanced technologies, RMCSL over the past couple of years has registered growth at a CAGR of ~68% with improvement in topline from Rs.36.65 crore in FY21 to Rs.172.63 crore in FY24. On the back on continuous improvement in topline, the absolute EBITDA has also improved and stood at Rs.34.11 crore in FY24 (FY refers to the period from April 01 to March 31) as compared to Rs.26.25 crore of FY23. The operating margin of the company which stood around 13.35% in FY22 has improved and hovered around 19-20% over the past couple of years on the back of better overhead recovery led by better capacity



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utilisation. Consecutively, despite the increase in finance cost, PAT margin of the company stood comfortable at 8.58% in FY24. Aided by improved profitability, Net cash accrual (NCA) has also increased gradually over the years and stood satisfactory at Rs.19.80 crore in FY24.

- **Satisfactory financial risk profile**

The capital structure of the company remained satisfactory over the past three account closing dates marked by its satisfactory leverage ratios and comfortable debt protection metrics. The long-term debt to equity and overall gearing ratio of the company stood comfortable at 0.34x and 0.84x respectively as on March 31, 2024. Overall indebtedness marked by TOL/TNW also stood comfortable at 1.60x as on March 31, 2024. Notwithstanding the increase in finance cost in FY24, backed by the improved absolute EBITDA, debt protection metrics marked by interest coverage ratio stood comfortable at 3.95x in FY24. Other debt protection parameters like total debt to EBITDA and total debt to NCA also stood satisfactory at 1.46x and 2.52 years respectively as on March 31, 2024.

- **Satisfactory orderbook with reputed clientele base**

Apart from private entities, RMC mainly bids for tenders of various government DISCOM's. As on July 31, 2024, the company has an unexecuted order book of ~Rs.511.81 crore which is ~2.65% of FY24 revenue. Of the outstanding orderbook, order amounting to ~Rs.272 crore is outstanding from Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited. All the orders are expected to be executed in coming 12-16 months suggesting viable short to medium term revenue visibility.

Key Rating Weaknesses:

- **Tender driven nature of business**

RMC's business is dependent on the company's ability to successfully bid for the tenders. Further, the domestic electrical sector is fragmented with presence of many players with varied statures & capabilities. This restricts RMC's operating and financial flexibility.

- **Exposure to client concentration risk**

Top five customer of RMCSL attributing ~79% of total sales suggest high client concentration of risk. Out of the top five customers, Maharashtra State Electricity Dist. Co. Ltd. solely contributed ~53% of revenue. Any delay in execution of pending orders might create liquidity crunch and hamper the company's credibility as well.

- **Susceptibility of profitability to volatility in raw material prices**



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Raw material costs constitute about 65%-70% of total cost of production for RMCSL with the primary raw materials being copper, steel, polymer, brass etc. Since all these commodities are linked to global prices, the company is exposed to fluctuations in the same which could impact the profitability, if the company is unable to pass on the same to its customers.

- **Working capital intensive nature of operation**

Operation of RMCSL is highly working capital intensive marked by its elongated receivables cycle due to long credit period availed by Government organizations. Further, the government clients withhold sizeable amount which is released post supply and installation of meters. This creates further pressure on the working capital of the company. Accordingly, the average working capital utilisation remained high at ~92% during the past 12 months ended June 2024 indicating a moderate liquidity cushion.

Analytical Approach: Consolidated

For arriving the rating Infomerics has taken consolidated approach as the company has two wholly owned subsidiaries namely Intelligent Hydrel Solutions Private Limited and RMC Green Energy Private Limited incorporated controlled by the same management with operational and financial linkage. The lists of companies considered for consolidation are given in **Annexure 4**.

Applicable Criteria:

[Rating Methodology for Manufacturing Companies](#)

[Rating Methodology for Service Sector companies](#)

[Criteria of assigning rating outlook](#)

[Policy on Default Recognition and Post-Default Curing Period](#)

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

[Criteria on Complexity](#)

[Consolidation of Companies](#)

Liquidity: Adequate

The liquidity position of the company is expected to remain adequate marked by its expected satisfactory adequate net cash accruals to meet its scheduled debt repayment obligation during FY25-FY27. In FY24, RMCSL's net cash accrual stood at ~Rs.19.80 crore against its debt repayment obligation of Rs.5.82 crore. The company also has satisfactory gearing headroom on the back of its satisfactory capital structure, supported by a comfortable



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current ratio of 1.64x as on March 31, 2024. The liquidity position of the company is restricted due to its working capital-intensive nature of operation mainly due to its elongated average collection period as the average working capital utilization of the company remained high at ~92% for the past twelve months ended June 2024. However, any unplanned capex or stretch in collection period may impact the liquidity position of the company to some extent.

About the Company

Rajasthan based RMC Switchgears Limited (RMCSL) promoted by Mr. Ashoke Agarwal was originally established as a private limited company named RFH Metal Casting Private Limited back in 1994. Later In 2008, it became a public company and rechristened as RFH Metal Casting Limited. In 2016, the name of the company was changed to RMC Switchgears Ltd and was listed on BSE SME platform in 2017. Presently, the company is engaged in the business of manufacturing and designing of smart meters, LT/HT distribution boxes and Panels, junction boxes, feeder pillars, circuit protection switchgears, and it also undertakes EPC contracts involving laying of energy transmission lines and establishing electric substation. The manufacturing facilities of the company are located at Badodiya Village, under Chaksu Tehsil. RMCSL has formed two subsidiaries, Intelligent Hydel Solutions Private Limited and RMC Green Energy Private Limited.

Financials of RMC Switchgears Limited: Consolidated

For the year ended* / As On	(Rs. crore)	
	31-03-2023	31-03-2024
	Audited	Audited
Total Operating Income	125.27	172.63
EBITDA	26.25	34.11
PAT	11.74	14.89
Total Debt	46.49	49.93
Tangible Net worth	45.65	60.37
EBITDA Margin (%)	20.95	19.76
PAT Margin (%)	9.34	8.58
Overall Gearing Ratio (x)	1.04	0.84
Interest Coverage	3.77	3.95

**Classification as per Infomerics' standards*

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Nil

Any other information: Nil



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Rating History for last three years:

Sr. No.	Name of Instrument/Facilities	Current Rating (Year 2024-25)			Rating History for the past 3 years		
		Type	Amount outstanding (Rs. Cr.)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2023-24 (Feb 19, 2024)	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2023-24 (Dec 07, 2023)	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2022-23 (Oct 21, 2022)
1.	Cash Credit	Long Term	25.45	IVR BBB-/ Stable	IVR B+; Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * & Withdrawn	IVR B+; Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	IVR BB-; Stable
2.	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	25.00	IVR BBB-/ Stable	-	-	-
3.	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	60.30	IVR A3	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* & Withdrawn^	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	IVR A4
4.	Proposed Bank Guarantee	Short Term	30.00	IVR A3	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* & Withdrawn^	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	IVR A4
5.	Term Loan	Long Term	-	-	IVR B+; Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * & Withdrawn^	IVR B+; Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	IVR BB-; Stable
6.	Bill Discounting	Short Term	-	-	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* & Withdrawn^	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	IVR A4
7.	GECL	Long Term	-	-	IVR B+; Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * & Withdrawn^	IVR B+; Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	IVR BB-; Stable

*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information

^Based on No Objection Certificate received from the lender

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Annexure 1: Instrument/Facility Details

Name of Facility	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. Cr)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Long Term Fund Based Limits –Cash Credit	-	-	-	25.45	IVR BBB-/ Stable



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Long Term Fund Based Limits –Proposed Cash Credit	-	-	-	25.00	IVR BBB-/ Stable
Short Term Non Fund Based Limits –Bank Guarantee	-	-	-	60.30	IVR A3
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Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details: [As per attached annexure](#)

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

Annexure 4: List of companies considered for consolidated/combined analysis: Not Applicable

Name of the Company	Consolidation Approach
RMC Switchgears Limited	Full Consolidation
Intelligent Hydel Solutions Private Limited	Full Consolidation
RMC Green Energy Private Limited	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