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Rameswar Udyog Private Limited (RUPL)

November 01, 2023

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Ratings	Rating Action		
Long Term Fund Based Facility –	17.64	IVR BBB / Stable Outlook (IVR Triple B	Rating reaffirmed and Removed from RWDI*		
Term Loans Short Term Fund Based Facility – PC / PCFC	55.00	with Stable Outlook) IVR A3+ (IVR A Three Plus)	Rating reaffirmed and Removed from RWDI*		
Short Term Fund Based Facility – LC Bill Discounting	20.00	IVR A3+ (IVR A Three Plus)	Rating reaffirmed and Removed from RWDI*		
Short Term Non- Fund Based Facility – Bank Guarantee	2.00	IVR A3+ (IVR A Three Plus)	Rating reaffirmed and Removed from RWDI*		
Total	94.64 (Rupees Ninety Four Crore and Sixty Four Lakh Only)				

* Rating Watch with Developing Implications Details of facilities are in Annexure 1

Detailed Rationale

The reaffirmation of the ratings assigned with stable outlook to the bank facilities of Rameswar Udyog Private Limited (RUPL) factors in sound financial profile in H1FY24. The ratings continued to factor in vast experience of its promoters and geographically diversified operations. The ratings are, however, constrained by intense competition in the industry exposure and susceptibility of its profitability to fluctuation in raw material prices.

Earlier, the ratings were placed under rating watch with developing implications to monitor sustainability of revenue achieved in Q1FY24.

The rating has been reaffirmed with stable outlook and removed from rating watch with developing implications, since the company has shown sustainability of revenue achieved in Q1FY24 considering turnover achieved in H1FY24 and current order book position.

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Key Rating Sensitivities:

Upward Factors

- Substantial growth in operating income and profitability on a sustained basis.
- Improvement in capital structure with overall gearing ratio of less than 1.0x on a sustained basis.

Downward Factors

- Any decline in scale of operations and/or moderation in profitability.
- Deterioration in capital structure with overall gearing ratio of more than 2.0x on a sustained basis.
- Any debt funded capex leading to deterioration in the debt protection parameters and/or the liquidity position of the company.

List of Key Rating Drivers with Detailed Description

Key Rating Strengths:

Experienced promoters

Incorporated in 1996, RUPL is promoted by Mr. Harsh Ajitsaria and his family members. Both the promoters have more than two decades of experience in the industry, which has enabled strong relationships with various industry players, including suppliers and customers.

Geographically diversified operations

Exports constituted 56% of the company's revenue in FY23 (A) as compared to 65% in FY22 (A). RUPL exports to many countries (including Bangladesh, Turkey, Iran, Egypt, the UAE, Czech Republic, Italy and Mauritius). Also, the Company's either export sales are backed by letter of credit or have advance payment mechanism, hence, the receivables risk faced by the company is negligible.

Sound financial profile in H1FY24 with comfortable capital structure

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FY23 has been a particularly subdued year for the textile and yarn industry because of very high volatility in cotton prices and reduced export demand due to geo-political crisis. However, the demand has revived and sales have started picking up from the month of January 2023 onwards. Further, the Company has already achieved the turnover of Rs.311.69 crore during H1FY24 which gives an indication of better performance likely to be achieved in FY24.

The capital structure of the Company continues to remain comfortable marked by long term debt to equity ratio and overall gearing ratio of 0.60x and 1.39x respectively, as on March 31, 2023 (A) as compared to 0.96x and 1.49x respectively, as on March 31, 2022 (A).

Further, total indebtedness of the company marked by TOL/TNW improved to 1.60x as on March 31, 2023 (A) as against 1.87x as on March 31, 2022 (A).

Key Rating Weaknesses:

Intense competition in the industry

The spinning and trading industry is highly fragmented and competitive with the presence of a large number of organised and unorganized players. Intense competition in the industry and commoditised nature of the product limit RUPL's pricing flexibility and bargaining power.

Susceptibility of its profitability to fluctuation in raw material prices

The company's profit margins are exposed to the fluctuation in raw material prices, which depend on factors such as seasonality, monsoon condition, international demand and supply situation, export policy etc.

Analytical Approach: Standalone



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Applicable Criteria:

Rating Methodology for Trading Companies Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Non-Financial Sector) Criteria for rating outlook Policy for placing ratings on credit watch

Liquidity – Adequate

The liquidity position of the company is adequate on account of the fact that the expected gross cash accruals of the company are likely to remain favourable relative to its debt-servicing obligations during FY24-FY26. Moreover, the company does not have any major capital expenditure plan in the near to medium term. This is expected to support the company's liquidity position. Further, company has reported adequate current ratio at 1.64x as on March 31, 2023 to meet its near-term cash requirements. RUPL's average fund based working capital utilization for twelve months ended May 2023 stands at 18%. RUPL has cash and bank balance of Rs. 14.42 crore as on March 31, 2023.

About the Company

Incorporated in November 1996, RUPL is promoted by Mr. Harsh Ajitsaria and his family members. Based in Ahmedabad, the company primarily manufactures and trades cotton yarn. The company generates revenue from both trading and manufacturing activities. Wherein ~60% of revenue is generated from trading activity. It also manufactures industrial garments and trades fabrics, dyes, cotton and cotton waste. Its manufacturing facilities located at Ahmedabad had a total installed capacity of 21,888 spindles as on March 31, 2023. It also had industrial garment manufacturing capacity of 6 lakhs as on March 31, 2023.



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Financials (Standalone):

	(INR Crore)
31-03-2022	31-03-2023
Audited	Audited
581.75	292.45
36.99	6.42
21.57	3.13
98.90	96.63
66.58	69.70
6.36	2.20
3.68	1.05
1.49	1.39
	Audited 581.75 36.99 21.57 98.90 66.58 6.36 3.68

*Classification as per Infomerics' standards

Status of Non-cooperation with previous CRA:

ICRA has continued to classify the ratings of the bank facilities of RUPL under "ISSUER NOT COOPEARATING" category, vide their press releases dated August 29, 2023 on account of non-availability of requisite information.

Any other information: None

Rating History for last three years:

	Name of Instrument /Facilities	Current Ratings (Year 2023-24)				Rating History for the past 3 years		
Sr. No.		Туре	Amount outstanding (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Rating PR dated July 04, 2022	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2022- 23 April 06,	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2021- 22	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2020- 21 January
					2023	2022		28, 2021
1.	Fund Based Bank Facilities – Term Loans	Long Term	17.64	IVR BBB / Stable	IVR BBB / RWDI	IVR BBB / Stable		IVR BBB- / Stable
2.	Fund Based Bank Facilities – PC / PCFC*	Short Term	55.00	IVR A3+	IVR A3+/ RWDI	IVR A3+		IVR A3
3.	Fund Based Bank Facilities – LC Bill Discounting	Short Term	20.00	IVR A3+	IVR A3+/ RWDI	IVR A3+		IVR A3



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						04, 2023	April 06, 2022		January 28, 2021
	4.	Non-Fund Based Bank Facilities – Bank Guarantee	Short Term	2.00	IVR A3+	IVR A3+/ RWDI	IVR A3+		IVR A3

*Includes sub-limit of Cash Credit of Rs.15.00 crore and FOBP/FOUBP/FABC/FAUBC of Rs.55.00 crore.

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Name of Facility	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Term Loan			FY25	9.60	IVR BBB / Stable Outlook
Term Loan			FY27	8.04	IVR BBB / Stable Outlook
PC / PCFC				55.00	IVR A3+
LC Bill Discounting				20.00	IVR A3+
Bank Guarantee				2.00	IVR A3+

Annexure 1: Details of Facilities

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

Annexure 3: Facility wise lender details

https://www.infomerics.com/admin/prfiles/len-RUPL-nov23.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 https://www.infomerics.com/.

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