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South Seas Distilleries & Breweries Private Limited

April 21, 2023

Ratings:

| Facilities/ Instruments | Amount (Rs. crore) | Current Ratings* | Rating Action | <u>Complexity Indicator</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Long Term Fund Based Bank Facilities – Term loans | 25.00 | IVR BB+/Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* [IVR Double B Plus with Negative Outlook; Issuer Not Cooperating*] | Downgraded and migrated to Issuer not Cooperating category | Simple |
| Total | 25.00 | | | |

**Issuer not cooperating; Based on best available information*

Details of Facilities are in Annexure 1

Detailed Rationale

The aforesaid rating revision to the bank facilities of South Seas Distilleries & Breweries Private Limited reflects lack of adequate information available about the performance of the company 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.

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, despite the downgrade.

Non-Cooperation by Issuer:

Infomerics has been regularly following up with the company to provide the required data to monitor its assigned ratings to the bank facilities, vide mails communications dated March 21, 2023, March 31, 2023, April 4, 2023, April 6, 2023, April 7, 2023, and April 10, 2023 and concurrently over several phone calls. However, despite repeated requests by Infomerics, the company's management has not submitted all the essential details/information for surveillance exercise.



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In the absence of the relevant information, in consonance with SEBI guidelines, Infomerics has moved the long-term rating for the bank loan facilities of South Seas Distilleries & Breweries Private Limited, aggregating to Rs 25.00 crore to the 'ISSUER NOT COOPERATING' category. The rating is now denoted as IVR BB+/Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (IVR Double B Plus with negative outlook; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)

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Analytical Approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria:

[Rating methodology for manufacturing companies](#)

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

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

[Criteria for assigning rating outlook](#)

About the Company

South Seas Distilleries & Breweries Private Limited (South Seas) was established on 29th November 1984. The company is engaged in manufacturing and exporting of Matured Malt Spirit. The company is promoted by a group of well experienced and business acumen professionals, led by Mrs. Rupri Chinoy, the Chairman & Managing Director. The company claims to have the largest number of Oak barrels in India for spirit ageing.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: None

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating History for last three years:

| Sr. No. | Name of Instrument/ Facilities | Current Ratings (Year 2022-23) | | | Rating History for the past 3 years | | |
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| | | Type | Amount outstanding (INR Crore) | Rating | Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2021-22 (11 Mar 2022) | Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2020-21 (10 Jun 2021) | Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-2020 (28 May 2020) |
| 1. | Long Term Fund Based | Long Term | 25.00 | IVR BB+/ Negative (INC*) | IVR BBB- /Stable | | |



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| | Bank Facilities – Term loans | | | | | | |
| 2. | Proposed Long Term Fund Based Facility – Term Loan | Long Term | 0.00 | - | Withdrawn | IVR BB+ (INC) | IVR BBB- /Stable |

**Issuer not cooperating; Based on best available information*

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Adhering to best International Practices and maintaining high degree of ethics, the team of knowledgeable analytical professionals deliver credible evaluation of rating.

Infomerics evaluates wide range of debt instruments which helps corporates open horizons to raise capital and provides investors enlightened investment opportunities. The transparent, robust and credible rating has gained the confidence of Investors and Banks.

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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 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Long Term Fund Based Bank Facilities | -- | -- | Upto Nov - 2026 | 25.00 | IVR BB+; Negative ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* |

** Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information*

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

Annexure 3: Facility wise lender details: Not Available

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.