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Terra Financial Services Private Limited

(Erstwhile Rashmi Exports Private Limited)

September 27, 2023

Ratings

Facility	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Rating Action	Complexity Indicator
Long-Term Bank Facility (Proposed facility)	50.00	IVR BB-; Stable (IVR Double B Minus with Stable outlook)	Assigned	Simple
Total	50.00 (INR Fifty crore only)			

Details of Facilities are in Annexure 1

Detailed Rationale

The rating assigned to the bank facilities of Terra Financial Services Private Limited (TFSPL) derives strength from its experienced and professional management team with adequate system & process. The rating also note growth in its operation in FY23. Further, the ratings also consider the stable assets profile coupled with comfortable liquidity profile of TFSPL. However, these rating strengths remain partially offset by the company's limited track record of operation, small scale of operation coupled with limited geographical presence.

Key Rating Sensitivities:

Upward factors

- Improvement in scale of operations and asset under management with increase in geographical reach
- Diversification in resource profile and ability of the company to raise equity capital and debt in a timely manner to maintain a prudent capitalisation profile
- ➤ Improvement in profitability by maintaining the credit costs and operating overheads on a sustainable basis, as the operations expand.

Downward Factors

- Moderation in scale of operations with sharp decline in asset under management and moderation in profitability
- Weakening of the profitability profile on account of higher operating overheads and higher credit costs, leading to a decline in ROTA

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Deterioration in the asset quality

List of Key Rating Drivers with Detailed Description

Key Rating Strengths:

Experienced and professional management team with adequate systems and processes

TFSFPL is the subsidiary of Terra Motors India Private Limited which is a 100% Subsidiary of Japanese Company Terra Motor Corporation. Terra Motor Corporation is one of the leading E-Vehicle manufacturers in Japan. Mr. Akihiro Ueda, CEO of Terra Motors Corporation is one of the directors in TFSPL who has more than a decade of experience in Sales and Marketing and has a wealth of knowledge in the Asian Electric Vehicle industry. Further, TFSPL has installed good tracking and MIS systems, which are adequate to support its future growth. Further, the company has installed monitoring systems to ensure credit bureau checks and loan utilisation checks being conducted in all cases. This enabled SFPL to report good asset quality. It has invested significantly in technology to ensure the real-time availability of collection data, e-verification of customer details and cashless disbursements.

Growth in operation in FY23

During FY23, the business got bit stabilised and demand of loans has increased attributable to rise in economic activities driven by gradual reduction in impact of covid pandemic coupled with the emerging demand of E-vehicle in Indian market. Rise in loan disbursement and rise in own loan portfolio resulted in steady Y-O-Y growth of AUM to Rs.17.93 crore as on March 31,2023 from Rs.5.00 crore as on March 31,2022. TFSPL turns profitable in FY23 marked by the PAT margin of ~12.71%. Further, ROTA and ROCE stood satisfactory at 5.19% and 12.26x respectively in FY23.

Stable asset quality

TFSPL has managed to keep its recovery rate around 99% during the end of FY23. TFSPL though remain exposed to risks associated with the MFI business able to maintain a stable asset quality backed by its strong loan monitoring and adequate credit appraisal process. The GNPA was remained around 2.12%, while NNPA was 0.06% as on March 31, 2023. The company's ability to maintain the asset quality in the new originations and maintain field discipline will be important from a credit perspective.

Comfortable liquidity profile

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Liquidity position of TFSFPL, as on March 31, 2023, has been comfortable with positive cumulative mismatches in the short to medium term (up to 3 year) bucket. This is mainly due to no near-term debt repayment obligation as the entity does not have any external borrowings.

Key Rating Weaknesses:

Short operational track record

The company started its operation from October 2021, thus having only one and half years of operational track record. Owing to its short track record, the company suffers from lower seasoning of its loan portfolio. Further, TFSPL's product diversification remains low being concentrated only in the E-vehicle segment. Further, unsecured lending to the marginal borrower profile and the political & operational risks associated with microfinance lending may result in high volatility in the asset quality indicators. TFSPL's ability to maintain the asset quality indicators through economic cycles remains a key rating monitorable.

• Small scale of operations

The scale of operations of TFSPL, though remained small, has increased with AUM of Rs.17.93 crore as on March 31, 2023. The company had an overall gearing at 2.36x as on March 31, 2023.

Limited geographical presence

TFSPL is now working with eight states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Assam to name a few. Though its business is spread across 8 states, majority of lending, ~99% is concentrated on four states only. Covering of limited number of states provides limited diversified geographical presence.

Analytical Approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria:

Rating Methodology for Financial Institutions & NBFC

Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Non-Financial Sector)

Criteria of assigning rating outlook

Liquidity: Adequate

The company does not have any external borrowing as on March 31, 2023. However, the company is intending to go for external borrowing in the near term. However, it would be

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important for TFSPL to maintain its collection efficiency while ensuring the regular flow of funds to meet its internal growth projections.

About the Company

Terra Financial Services Private Limited (TFSPL) is a subsidiary of Terra Motors India private Limited which is a 100% Subsidiary of Japanese Company, Teera Motor Corporation incorporated in July 2014. In July 2021, Terra Motors India Private Limited acquired TFSPL, formerly known as Rashmi Exports Private Limited which was established back in September 7,1990. Post acquisition, Terra Financial Services Private Limited had stared its operations from October 2021.TFSPL is registered with RBI as Non-Deposit Accepting Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC-ND). Terra Motors India Private Limited holds 80 percent of the shares of TFSPL and rest 20 percent is owned by Vedika Financial Services Private Limited. TFSPL Offers E-rickshaw Loan to customers extended majorly to 8 states namely Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Jharkhand, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Uttarakhand, and Madhya Pradesh. The E-rickshaws are made by Terra Motors India private Limited which is the holding company of TFSPL. Currently, the operations of the company are managed by Mr. Akihiro Ueda, Mr. Kosuke Nakagawa, and Mr. Gautam Jain, three directors of the company along with a team of experienced personnel.

Financials of Terra Financial Services Private Limited (Standalone):

(Rs. crore)

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For the year ended* / As On	31-03-2022	31-03-2023
	Audited	Provisional
Total Operating Income	3.59	5.43
PAT	(0.65)	0.69
Tangible Net worth	2.64	4.16
Total Asset	5.96	20.60
ROTA (%)	(21.92)	5.19
Interest Coverage	NM^	1.83
Total CAR (%)	43.75	20.23
Gross NPA (%)	-	2.12
Net NPA (%)	-	0.06

^{*}Classification as per Infomerics' standards. ^ Not Meaningful

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Nil

Any other information: Nil



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Rating History for last three years:

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Sr.	Name of	Current Rating		Rating History for the past 3 years			
No	Instrument/	(Year 2023-24)					-
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1.	Term Loan (Proposed)	Long Term	50.00	IVR BB-/ Stable	-	-	-

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Annexure 1: Details of Facilities

Name of Facility	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. Cr)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Long Term Fund Based Limits —Term Laon (Proposed)	1		-	50.00	IVR BB-/ Stable

Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details:

https://www.infomerics.com/admin/prfiles/len-terra-sep23.pdf

Annexure 3: List of companies considered for consolidated analysis: Not Applicable

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