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Simplex Infrastructures Ltd

August 29, 2023

Ratings Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings	Rating Action	<u>Complexity Indicator</u>
Long Term Bank facilities	2600.00	IVR D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (IVR Single D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING)	Reaffirmed and continued to remain under 'ISSUER NOT COOPERATING' category	Simple
Short Term Fund Based Facilities	75.00	IVR D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (IVR Single D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING)	Reaffirmed and continued to remain under 'ISSUER NOT COOPERATING' category	Simple
Total	2675.00 (Rupee Two thousand six hundred seventy five crore)			

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

Details of Facility are in Annexure 1

Detailed Rationale

The rating is reaffirmed and remained under Issuer Not Cooperating' category because of lack of adequate information regarding Simplex Infrastructures Ltd.'s performance. The rating reaffirmation considers the continued delays in servicing debt obligations owing to the poor liquidity position.

Non-cooperation by Issuer

Infomerics has been regularly following up with the company to provide the required data to monitor its assigned rating to the bank facilities, vide e-mail communications dated June 20,



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2023, July 25, 2023 and July 27, 2023. However, despite repeated requests by Infomerics, the company's management has remained non-cooperative. In the absence of the requisite cooperation, in consonance with SEBI guidelines, the company's rating has been maintained in Issuer Not Cooperating category. Accordingly, the long- term and short-term rating for the bank loan facilities of Simplex Infrastructures Limited aggregating to Rs. 2675 crore has been maintained in the 'ISSUER NOT COOPERATING' category by Infomerics and the rating be noted as "IVR D: Issuer Not Co-operating; Based on best available information. (IVR D: Issuer Not Co-operating; Based on best available information)".

Analytical Approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria:

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

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

[Rating Methodology for Infrastructures companies](#)

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

About the Company

Simplex Infrastructures Ltd. was established by Mr. H. P. Lancaster, an Englishman, in 1924. It was he who invented the piling system which became synonymous with the name of the company and became known as the 'Simplex' system of piling. Simplex was subsequently taken over by the Mundhra family of Kolkata, the current promoters, in 1947. The current promoters are solely focused on this business for almost seven decades. Simplex is one of the largest players in the domestic construction sector providing services encompassing the whole gamut of civil and structural construction activities including turnkey projects comprising layout plan, detailed civil and engineering design, architecture, structural construction and complete execution and commissioning.

Financials (Standalone)

For the year ended* / As On	(Rs. crore)	
	FY22	FY23
	Audited	Audited
Total Operating Income	1736.29	1546.54



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EBITDA	37.62	21.11
PAT	-526.31	-506.24
Tangible Net Worth	150.44	-634.63
Total Debt	5284.36	5989.00
EBITDA margin (%)	2.17	1.36
PAT margin (%)	-29.70	-31.89
Overall gearing (x)	35.13	-9.44

*Classification as per Infomerics' standards.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Care Edge Ratings has maintained the rating of Simplex Infrastructures Limited into the Issuer Non-Cooperating category as the company did not co-operate in the rating procedure despite repeated follow ups as per the Press Release/publication dated November 28, 2022.

Any other information: Nil

Rating History for last three years:

S r. N o.	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	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2021-22	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2020-21	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-20
1.	Long Term Bank Facilities	Long Term	2600.00	IVR D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	IVR D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (July 1, 2022)	IVR D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (May 21, 2021)	-	IVR D (Feb 22, 2020)
2.	Short Term Fund Based Facilities	Short Term	75.00	IVR D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	IVR D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	IVR D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	IVR D (Feb 22, 2020)



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					(July 1, 2022)	(May 21, 2021)		
3.	Commercial paper	Short term	-	-	-	-	-	IVR D & Withdr awn (Feb 22, 2020)

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Annexure 1: Details of Facility

Name of Facility	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Long Term Bank Facilities	-	-	-	2600.00	IVR D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *
Short Term Fund Based Facilities	-	-	-	75.00	IVR D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *

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

Annexure 3: Facility wise lender details: Not Applicable

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



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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.

