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Sudharma Infratech Private Limited (SIPL)

May 31, 2021

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings	Rating Action
Long term Fund Based Bank Facilities – Cash Credit	8.00	IVR BBB-/ Negative (IVR Triple B Minus with Negative Outlook)	Reaffirmed and removed from Credit watch with developing implication
Long term Fund Based Bank Facilities – GECL	1.60	IVR BBB-/ Negative (IVR Triple B Minus with Negative Outlook)	Assigned
Short term Non-Fund Based Bank Facilities – Bank Guarantee	25.00 (enhanced from Rs. 16.25 Crore)	IVR A3 (IVR Single A Three)	Reaffirmed and removed from Credit watch with developing implication
Total	34.60 (Thirty Four Crore and sixty lakhs)		

Details of Facilities are in Annexure I

Detailed Rationale

The reaffirmation of ratings assigned to the bank facilities of Sudharma Infratech Private Limited (SIPL) continues to derive strength from its long track record of operation under experienced promoters, reputed clientele base, comfortable and improving capital structure coupled with adequate debt protection metrices and revenue visibility marked by its strong order book position. However, these rating strengths continue to remain partially offset by customer concentration risk and SIPL's presence in highly fragmented & competitive construction sector. Further, the ratings also note moderation in its financial performance in terms of scale of operation and gross cash accruals in FY21.

Earlier the ratings were placed under credit watch with developing implications in view of uncertainty in operating scenario of the company and expected moderation in SIPL's financial performance in FY21 due to impact of COVID-19 induced lockdown and consequent problems in contract execution, now it is removed from credit watch with resumption of work in normal course since Q3FY21 coupled with normalcy in operating condition. Further, the outlook of the company remained negative attributable to expected hindrance in operations owing to second wave of COVID-19 in the country which may have a negative impact on the financial performance of the company in the near-term.

Key Rating Sensitivities



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Upward rating factor(s) –

- Increase in order book and timely execution of the same leading to growth in scale of operations with improvement in profitability and debt protection metrics
- Sustenance of the capital structure
- Improvement in liquidity position

Downward rating factor(s) –

- More than expected moderation in scale of operations and/or moderation in profitability impacting debt protection metrics
- Moderation in the capital structure with moderation in overall gearing to over 1.5x
- Moderation in liquidity position marked by elongation in operating cycle

Key Rating Drivers with detailed description

Key Rating Strengths

Experienced promoters and long track record of operation

SIPL has established operational track record of more than a decade in construction of various civil infrastructure, roads and bridges. Mr. R.V. Sudhakar (Managing Director), is a first-generation entrepreneur having three decades of experience in the construction sector. The extensive experience of the promoter and successful track record of operation has helped the company in acquiring customers. The directors are well supported by a team of experienced and qualified professionals.

Reputed clientele base

The company caters to both government as well as private entities and has generated repeat orders from them. Further there is new addition to the customer base which in turn increases its scale of operation. At present, the company has orders from Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Trichy Tollway Private Limited and Ashoka Buildcon Limited amongst many others.

Strong order book

Over the past years, the company has successfully completed many projects across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The company has completed many major as well as minor projects and has orders in hand of around INR 589.55 crore (Previous Year INR 485.47 crore) and an unexecuted order book of around INR 287.54 crore to be executed by March 2022.



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Comfortable and improving capital structure and debt protection metrics

The capital structure of SIPL were comfortable with an overall gearing of 0.72x (Previous Year: 1.12x) and long-term debt equity ratio of 0.47x (Previous Year: 0.79) as on March 31, 2020. The total debt to gross cash accruals stood comfortable at 1.91x at the end of FY20 as compared to that of 3.47x at the end of FY19. The company further estimated an improvement in its capital structure with expected improvement in its leverage ratios as on March 31, 2021.

Key Rating Weaknesses

Customer concentration risk

The present order book contains rehabilitation, up-gradation and repair of road construction in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. However, top 5 customers account for almost 96.29% of total operating income in FY20 indicating a concentrated customer profile. Nonetheless, the company has adequate experience in order to execute projects in these states which provides a comfort.

Highly fragmented & competitive nature of the construction sector with significant price war

The domestic infrastructure/construction sector is highly crowded with presence of many players with varied statures & capabilities. The boom in the infrastructure sector, a few years back resulted in an increase in the number of players. While the competition is perceived to be healthy, significant price cut by few players during the bidding process is a matter of serious concern for the users with respect to quality of output.

Decline in topline and profitability during FY21

The company's total operating income (TOI) has declined from INR 154.89 crore in FY20 to INR 87.23 crore in FY21 (estimated). This is mainly because of the COVID-19 pandemic induced lockdown resulting in a huge shortage of materials, manpower and resources in the state of Andhra Pradesh. With decline in TOI and increase in operating expenses the profit levels of the company are also expected to decline in FY21. However, substantial work had resumed since Q3FY2021 which helped the company to reach ~85% of its projected TOI of FY21.

Analytical Approach: Standalone Approach



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Applicable Criteria

Rating Methodology for Infrastructure Companies

Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Non-Financial Sector)

Liquidity – Adequate

The company has been able to generate a comfortable level of gross cash accruals (GCA) in FY20 of INR 13.57 crore and expected to generate ~Rs.10.5 crore in FY21. The liquidity of the company is expected to remain satisfactory in the near to medium term in absence of any significant term debt repayment. Thus, the overall liquidity position of the company is expected to remain **Adequate** in the near term. However, the liquidity is dependent on successful completion of projects and speedy realisation of contract proceeds.

About The Company

Sudharma Infratech Private Limited (SIPL) was incorporated in 2008 in Andhra Pradesh, the company is promoted by Mr. R.V. Sudhakar who is the managing director. SIPL is engaged in contract-based construction and renovation of roads and highways from various Government bodies of Andhra Pradesh.

Financials Standalone:

(INR Crore)

For the year ended* / As on	31-03-2019 (Audited)	31-03-2020 (Audited)
Total Operating Income	111.91	154.89
EBITDA	13.01	19.36
PAT	5.88	7.78
Total Debt	31.51	25.86
Tangible Net worth (Book Value)	19.16	26.31
EBIDTA Margin (%)	11.63	12.50
PAT Margin (%)	5.25	5.02
Overall Gearing Ratio (x)	1.12	0.72

* Classification as per Infomerics' standards

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:

CARE Ratings vide its press release dated December 21, 2020 has moved the rating of Sudharma Infratech Private Limited to "Issuer Not Cooperating" category due to non-submission of information.



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ICRA vide its press release dated March 26, 2021 has reaffirmed the rating of Sudharma Infratech Private Limited in "Issuer Not Cooperating" category due to non-submission of information.

Any other information: N.A.

Rating History for last three years:

Sr. No.	Name of Facilities	Current Rating (Year 2021-22)			Rating History for the past 3 years		
		Type	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Ratings	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2020-21 (15.01.21)	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-20 (7.11.19)	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-19
1.	Cash Credit	Long Term	8.00	IVR BBB-; Negative (IVR Triple B Minus with Negative Outlook)	IVR BBB- Under Credit Watch with Developing Implications (IVR Triple B Minus under Credit Watch with Developing Implications)	IVR BBB-/Stable Outlook (IVR Triple B minus with Stable Outlook)	-
2.	GECL	Long Term	1.60	IVR BBB-; Negative (IVR Triple B Minus with Negative Outlook)	-	-	-
3.	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	25.00 (Enhanced from 16.25)	IVR A3 (IVR Single A Three)	IVR A3 Under Credit Watch with Developing Implications (IVR Single A Three Under Credit Watch with Developing Implications)	IVR A3 (IVR Single A Three)	

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Annexure I: Details of Facilities

Name of Facility	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (INR Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Long term Fund Based Bank Facilities – Cash Credit	--	-	-	8.00	IVR BBB-/ Negative (IVR Triple B Minus with Negative Outlook)
Long term Fund Based Bank Facilities – GECL	-	-	February, 2026	1.60	IVR BBB-/ Negative (IVR Triple B Minus with Negative Outlook)
Short term Non-Fund Based Bank Facilities – Bank Guarantee	-	-	-	25.00	IVR A3 (IVR Single A Three)