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Tejas Construction and Infrastructure Private Limited (TCIPL)

Ratings Instrument / Facility	Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Ratings	Previous Rating	Rating Action	Complexity Indicator
Long Term Bank Facilities	34.05	IVR B/Stable (IVR Single B with stable outlook)	1	Rating Assigned	<u>Simple</u>
Short Term Bank Facilities	60.95	IVR A4 (IVR A Four)		Rating Assigned	<u>Simple</u>
Total	95.00	Rupees Ninety			

March 19, 2025

Details of Facilities/Instruments are in Annexure 1. Facility wise lender details are at Annexure 2. Detailed explanation of covenants is at Annexure 3.

Detailed Rationale

Infomerics Ratings has assigned the rating to the bank facilities of TCIPL derives comfort from healthy order book with revenue visibility, growth in total operating income coupled with moderate profitability, and comfortable capital structure though moderate net worth. However, these ratings are partially offset by weak debt protection metrics, working capital intensive operations, stretched liquidity reflected by near full utilisation of working capital utilisation and susceptibility to risks inherent in tender-based business and geographical concentration in revenue.

The Stable Outlook considered healthy order book from the government authorities and support from experienced promoter.

Key Rating Sensitivities:

Upward Factors

- Sustained improvement in revenue while maintaining current profitability and capital structure along with improvement in working capital cycle leading to improvement in liquidity position.

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Downward Factors

- Sustained declined in revenue and profitability and/or any further increase in working capital cycle leading to deterioration in liquidity and capital structure of the company.

List of Key Rating Drivers with Detailed Description

Key Rating Strengths

Healthy order book:

As of 31st December 2024, TCIPL has a healthy unexecuted order book of Rs. 322.28 crore (~2.93x of FY24 revenue), reflects medium term revenue visibility. The order book is welldiversified, and from Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd., Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, M P Jal Nigam Maryadit, Vindyanchal Bhavan, and the Sewage Scheme for District Dhamtari.

Moderate operating profile:

The total operating income grew by 23.35% on y-o-y basis to Rs. 110.26 crore in FY24 (April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024), driven execution of projects (FY23: Rs. 89.38 crore). However, the EBITDA margin declined, though remained at moderate levels and at 11.34% in FY24 (FY23: 14.12%), due to higher contribution from low margins projects in the overall revenue. During 7MFY25, TCIPL has earned revenue of Rs.58.57 crore with EBITDA margins of 10.24%. The ability to maintain stable revenue growth while maintaining healthy profitability would be a key monitorable.

Comfortable capital structure

The capital structure marginally deteriorated though remained comfortable with overall gearing and TOL/TNW stood at 1.26x and 1.99x respectively as on March 31, 2024 (March 31, 2023: 1.24x and 1.94x) due to increase in unsubordinated unsecured loans by the promoters. Further, the tangible net worth improved to Rs. 53.34 crore as on March 31, 2024 (March 31, 2023: Rs. 51.75 crore) due to profit accretion.

Key Rating Weaknesses

Working capital intensive operations:

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TCIPL business is working capital intensive in nature reflects by high net working capital cycle of 192 days at the end of FY24 (FY23: 271 days). Though, net working capital cycle has improved with improvement in collection days which has improved to 87 at the end of FY24 (FY23:281). Collection days have improved endue to finance ministries directions to Public Sector Units to clear the dues to MSME. Inventory days were higher due to unbilled revenue at the end of the year.

Moderate debt protection metrics

The debt protection metrics improved though remained moderate with interest coverage at 1.45x in FY24 (FY23: 1.26x) due to lower interest cost. Further, the total debt to NCA also remained moderate at 16.51 years in FY24 (FY23: 17.54 years) due to increase in unsecured borrowings. Along with this, the DSCR remained comfortable in FY24.

Susceptibility to risks inherent in tender-based business and geographical concentration in revenue

As sales are almost entirely tender-based, revenue depends on ability to bid successfully. Intense competition from large, established players and government entities will continue to constrain scalability, pricing power and profitability. Being a regional player, TCIPL executes projects largely in Maharashtra, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, and Jharkhand thus, remains susceptible to any slowdown in tenders floated in the region or changes in government policies.

Analytical Approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria:

<u>Rating Methodology – Infrastructure Companies</u> Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Non-Financial Sector).

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<u>Criteria for assigning Rating outlook.</u> <u>Policy on Default Recognition and post default curing period</u> <u>Complexity Level of Rated Instruments/Facilities</u>

Liquidity: Stretched

The working capital utilisation of last 12 months ended December 2024 stood at 98.22% indicating stretched liquidity. Though, net cash accrual is expected to remain sufficient for the debt obligation over the medium term. Further, the current ratio stood comfortable at 1.99x as on March 31, 2024.

About the Company

Incorporated in 2007 at Pune, Maharashtra, TCIPL specializes in carrying out turnkey projects and contracts for drinking water delivery systems in the infrastructure and construction industries. It has grown to include state and central underground drainage and sewerage schemes.

Financials (Standalone):

		(Rs. crore)
For the year ended/ As on*	31-03-2023	31-03-2024
	Audited	Audited
Total Operating Income	89.38	110.26
EBITDA	12.62	12.50
PAT	2.05	2.57
Total Debt	64.39	67.13
Tangible Net Worth	51.75	53.34
EBITDA Margin (%)	14.12	11.34
PAT Margin (%)	2.25	2.30
Overall Gearing Ratio (x)	1.24	1.26
Interest Coverage (x)	1.26	1.45

* Classification as per Infomerics' standards.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: None

Any other information: Nil

Rating History for last three years:



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Sr.	Name of Current Ratings (2024-25)			Rating History for the past 3 years			
No	Security/Facil ities	Туре	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned
1.	GECL - Ext	Long Term	1.05	IVR B/Stable			
2.	Cash Credit	Long Term	33.00	IVR B/Stable			
3.	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	55.00	IVR A4			
4.	Bank Guarantee – Proposed	Short Term	0.95	IVR A4			
5.	Letter of Credit	Short Term	5.00	IVR A4			

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Name of Facility/ /Security	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
GECL - Ext			- 0	Jan 2029	1.05	IVR B/Stable
Cash Credit			-	Revolving	33.00	IVR B/Stable
Bank Guarantee			-		55.00	IVR A4
Bank Guarantee – Proposed			;		0.95	IVR A4
Letter of Credit			-		5.00	IVR A4

Annexure 1: Instrument/Facility Details

Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details:

https://www.infomerics.com/admin/prfiles/len-tejas-construction-mar25.pdf Annexure 3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated Security/facilities: Not Applicable

Annexure 4: List of companies considered for consolidated/Combined analysis: 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 <u>www.infomerics.com</u>.