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CARE ASSIGNS 'CARE BB' AND 'CARE A4' RATINGS TO THE BANK FACILITIES OF CORAL PLUS CERAMIC PRIVATE LIMITED

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Remarks
Long-term Bank Facilities	5	CARE BB (Double B)	Assigned
Short-term Bank Facilities	2.35	CARE A4 (A Four)	Assigned
Total	7.35		

Rating Rationale

The ratings assigned to the bank facilities of Coral Plus Ceramic Private Limited (CPCPL) are constrained primarily on account of its modest scale of operations and its presence in the highly fragmented and competitive ceramic tile industry with fortunes dependent upon the growth of the cyclical real estate industry. The ratings are further constrained on account of working capital intensive nature of its operations and susceptibility of profit margins to volatility in raw material and fuel (natural gas) prices.

The ratings, however, derive strength from the established operational track record of CPCPL, vast experience of the promoters in the ceramic industry coupled with its location in the ceramic tiles hub with easy access to raw material, power and fuel. The ratings further derive strength from moderate profitability, comfortable capital structure and comfortable debt coverage indicators.

The ability of CPCPL to increase its scale of operation along with the improvement in the profitability through efficient management of raw material price fluctuations and working capital requirement are the key rating sensitivities.

Background

Incorporated in 2009, Morbi-Gujarat based CPCPL is a part of "Coral Group" and was promoted by Mr Narayanbhai Zalariya along with four other promoters. CPCPL was initially engaged in the manufacturing of ceramic floor tiles but subsequently in FY12 (refers to the period April 1 to March 31), it shifted its business operations to manufacture parking tiles. CPCPL operates from its sole manufacturing facilities located at Morbi with an installed capacity to produce 7,000 boxes per day as on March 31, 2014.

The promoters of "Coral Group" are also engaged in manufacturing of ceramic and vitrified tiles through its group companies, Coral Ceramic Private Limited (rated 'CARE BB/A4', assigned in March 2015), Coral Gold Tiles Private Limited and Coral Granito Private Limited (rated 'CARE BBB-/A3', reaffirmed in February 2015). During F14, the Coral group has achieved the aggregate turnover of Rs.225.02 crore.

As per the audited results of FY14, CPCPL reported profit after tax (PAT) of Rs.0.82 crore on a total operating income (TOI) of Rs.29.85 crore as against PAT of Rs.0.83 crore on a TOI of Rs.26.21 crore in FY13.

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