

#### **OCTOBER 28, 2016**

# CARE REAFFIRMS THE RATINGS ASSIGNED TO THE BANK FACILITIES OF LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

### **Ratings**

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings <sup>1</sup>	Remarks
Non-Convertible Debenture issue	99001.00	CARE AAA (Triple A)	Reaffirmed
Lower Tier II Bonds	750.00	CARE AAA (Triple A)	Reaffirmed
Upper Tier II Bonds	1600.00	CARE AAA (Triple A)	Reaffirmed
Total	101351		
	(Rupees One Lakh One Thousand		
	Three Hundred and Fifty One Crore		
	Only)		

## **Rating Rationale**

The ratings factor in the support that LIC Housing Finance Ltd. (LICHF) derives from Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) (largest life insurer in India) which holds 40.31% stake in the company as well as LIC's demonstrated financial, managerial, operational and marketing support to LICHF. The ratings also takes into account LICHF's long-standing track record and market position, liquidity position supported by strong resource raising capability, adequate capitalisation and comfortable asset quality parameters. Continued support from the promoter & its shareholding, profitability and asset quality are LICHF's key rating sensitivities.

## **Background**

LIC Housing Finance Ltd. (LICHF) was promoted by Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) with the objective of venturing into the housing finance business. LICHF is the second largest housing finance player in India with outstanding mortgage loan portfolio of more than Rs.1,27,437crore of as on June 30, 2016. LIC, the largest life insurance company of India, continues to be the largest shareholder in LICHF, with around 40.31% shareholding as on June 30, 2016.

Loan portfolio of LICHF mainly constitutes individual housing loans (constituting 97%) of total portfolio with average ticket size of around Rs.12.11 lakh.

LICHF is the second largest housing finance company in India with total loan portfolio of Rs.125,173 crore of as on March 31, 2016. The loan book has grown at a CAGR of 17% during FY14 to FY16 (refers to the period April 1 to March 31). The portfolio composition of LICHF continues to remain stable with individual housing loans constituting 88%, LAP (individual) 9% and remaining 3% being builder loans.

The company continues to report stable profitability parameters on the back of healthy portfolio growth and stable margins. During FY16, LICHF reported NIM and ROTA of 2.42% [P.Y.: 2.18%] and 1.37% [P.Y.: 1.33%], respectively. As on March 31, 2016, LICHF reported CAR at 17.04% [P.Y.: 15.30%] and Tier I CAR: 13.86% [11.82%]. As on March 31, 2016,

<sup>\*</sup> Please refer to our website <u>www.careratings.com</u> for detailed rationale of Piramal Enterprises Limited (PEL)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at <u>www.careratings.com</u> and other CARE publications

# **Brief Rationale**



LICHF's reported Gross NPA ratio of 0.45% [P.Y.: 0.46%] and Net NPA ratio of 0.22% [P.Y.:0.22%]. Its Net NPA to net worth ratio stood at 2.96% [P.Y.:2.99%].

As on June 30, 2016, LICHFL reported Gross NPA ratio of 0.59% [P.Y.: 0.60%] and Net NPA ratio of 0.28% [P.Y.: 0.33%]. As on June 30, 2016, company's NIM and ROTA stood at 2.73% and 1.35% respectively. Going forward, continued parent support and strong resource raising ability are expected to enable the company in raising capital to meet its future business growth.

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