

North Street Cooling Towers Private Limited

January 23, 2017

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action		
Long-term Bank Facilities	5.80	CARE BB-; Stable (Double B Minus;	Reaffirmed		
		Outlook: Stable)			
Short-term Bank Facilities	4.00	CARE A4 (A Four)	Reaffirmed		
Total Facilities	9.80 (Rupees Nine crore and Eighty lakh only)				

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale

The ratings assigned to the bank facilities of North Street Cooling Towers Private Limited (NSCT) continue to remain constrained by its small scale of operations, moderate profitability margins and working capital intensive nature of operations. The ratings are also constrained by the susceptibility of margins to raw material price fluctuations, exposure to foreign exchange fluctuation risk and tender-driven business with intense competition in the industry.

The ratings, however, continue to take comfort from the experienced promoter with, long track record, comfortable capital structure and satisfactory debt coverage indicators.

Going forward, the ability of NSCT to improve its scale of operations while improving its profitability margins along with efficient working capital utilization shall be the key rating sensitivities.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

The total operating income of the company grew at a rate of 28% in FY16 (refers to the period April 01 to March 31). The profitability margins of the company continued to remain moderate as the company manufactures customized products which are technical in nature. Furthermore, capital structure of company continued to remain comfortable on account of moderate net worth base. The debt coverage indicators continued to remain moderate on account of moderate profitability and moderate gross cash accruals.

The operations of the company continued to remain working capital intensive owing to high collection period and inventory days. Furthermore, working capital borrowings remained almost fully utilized for the 12-month period ended November 30, 2016, indicating high reliance on the bank finance to meet the working-capital requirement

The company is exposed to the raw material price volatility risk due to the volatility experienced in the prices of steel and PVC fills etc. Since it constitute a major component of the raw material and hence any volatility in their prices has a direct impact on the profitability margins of the company. The cooling tower industry is competitive with many high net worth players operating in the sector affecting the profitability of the participants.

The profit margins of the company are vulnerable to foreign currency exchange fluctuation risk as the company does not have any hedging mechanism for its foreign exchange exposure.

Analytical Approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria

Criteria on assigning Outlook to Credit Ratings

CARE's Policy on Default Recognition

Criteria for Short Term Instruments

CARE's methodology for manufacturing companies

<u> Financial ratios – Non-Financial Sector</u>

About the Company

NSCT was established in the year 1989 as a proprietorship entity by Mr Mukesh Bansal of Uttar Pradesh. In 1993, the entity was re-constituted as a private limited company with Mr Mukesh Bansal and Mr Suresh Chandra Aggarwal as

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directors. The company is engaged in the manufacturing and installation of commercial and industrial cooling towers with its manufacturing facility located at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. The company manufactures different kinds of cooling towers like reinforced cement concrete (RCC) cooling towers, wooden and fibre reinforced plastics (FRP) based cooling towers along with manufacturing of supporting spare parts for cooling towers. The company has presence both in domestic and international markets. Around 70% of its business is generated by catering domestic customers and the remaining from exports to the countries like Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia.

For FY16 (refers to the period April 01 to March 31), NSCT achieved a total operating income (TOI) of Rs.33.40 crore with profit after tax (PAT) of and Rs.0.94 crore, respectively, as against TOI of Rs.26.05 crore with PAT of Rs.2.50 crore and Rs.0.61 crore, respectively, in FY15. Furthermore, the company has achieved total TOI of Rs.30.50 crore till 8MFY17 (refers to the period April 01 to November 30, based on provisional results).

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating History (Last three years): Please refer Annexure-2

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Annexure 1

Details of Instruments/Facilities:-

Name of the Instrument	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. crore)	Rating assigned along with Rating Outlook
Fund Based - LT-Cash Credit	-	-	-	5.80	CARE BB-; Stable
Non-Fund Based - ST-Bank Guarantees	-	-	-	4.00	CARE A4

Annexure 2

Rating History for last three years:-

		Current Ratings			Chronology of Rating history for past three years				
Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Туре	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2015-2016	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2014-2015	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2013-2014	
1.	Fund Based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	5.80	CARE BB-; Stable		1)CARE BB- (28-Mar-16) 2)CARE BB- (20-Jul-15)	-	-	
2.	Non-Fund Based - ST- Bank Guarantees	ST	4.00	CARE A4		1)CARE A4 (28-Mar-16) 2)CARE A4 (20-Jul-15)	-	-	



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