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CARE REAFFIRMS THE RATING ASSIGNED TO THE BANK FACILITIES OF RELIANCE JIO INFOCOMM LIMITED

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Remarks
Long term Bank Facilities	30,000 (enhanced from Rs.20,000 crore)	CARE AAA (Triple A)	Reaffirmed
Total Facilities	30,000		

Rating Rationale

The ratings of RJIL continues to factors in the strong and resourceful parentage of the company – Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL, rated CARE AAA/CARE A1+) holding majority shareholding in RJIL as well as the importance of the telecom business vertical within the Reliance Group's future growth plans. The ratings also reflect the continued support (financial and strategic) that is expected to be extended by RIL to RJIL in the coming years.

Any significant changes in the ownership of RJIL (i.e. decline in RIL's holding from the current 98.90% equity holding) as well as change in group's strategy that could impact RJIL's project implementation and growth plans or undermine its strategic importance are the key rating sensitivities.

Background

Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd (RJIL) was incorporated in 2007 with the objective of becoming a pan Indian service provider for the broadband market in India. It became a subsidiary of RIL in 2010-11. RIL holds 98.90% equity stake in RJIL. RJIL is setting up a pan India telecom network to provide 4th generation, high speed internet connectivity and various digital services on Pan India basis in key domains such as education, healthcare, security, financial services, government citizen interfaces and entertainment.

RJIL received Unified License for all 22 Service Areas across India and became the first telecom operator in the country to get Pan India Unified License. The Unified License would allow RJIL to offer all telecom services including voice telephony under a single license. With grant of Unified License, RJIL has migrated from its existing ISP license along with Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) spectrum to the Unified License.

As on March 31, 2014, the company has incurred total capex of approximately Rs.40,517 crore funded by equity/promoters fund of Rs.23,044 crore and balance by external debt against the total planned network cost of around Rs.70,000 crore. The services are planned to be launched in phases during 2015.

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