

# **Neueon Towers Limited**

August 03, 2022

## **Ratings**

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	1,420.24	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Single D ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Short Term Bank Facilities	200.02	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Single D ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Total Bank Facilities	1,620.26 (₹ One Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Crore and Twenty-Six Lakhs Only)		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1.

## Detailed rationale and key rating drivers

CARE had, vide its press release dated August 06,2021 placed the rating(s) of Neueon Towers Limited (NTL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as NTL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating. NTL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and an email dated July 06, 2022, July 08, 2022 and July 21, 2022. In line with the extant SEBI guidelines, CARE has reviewed the rating based on the best available information which however, in CARE's opinion is not sufficient to arrive at a fair rating.

Users of this rating (including investors, lenders and the public at large) are hence requested to exercise caution while using the above rating(s).

### Detailed description of the key rating drivers

At the time of last rating on August 06,2021 the following were the rating strengths and weaknesses:

# **Key Rating Weaknesses**

## Stretched liquidity position with ongoing delays in debt servicing

Stretched liquidity position along with delays in meeting the debt obligation and the accounts are classified are Non-Performing Assets and the company is currently under resolution process.

Analytical approach: Standalone

### **Applicable Criteria**

Criteria on assigning 'outlook' and 'credit watch' to Credit Ratings

**CARE's Policy on Default Recognition** 

Financial ratios -Non-Financial Sector

**Liquidity Analysis of Non-Financial Sector Entities** 

**Short Term Instruments** 

Rating methodology-manufacturing companies

Policy in respect of Non-cooperation by issuer

**Rating Methodology: Factoring Linkages in Ratings** 

### **About the Company**

Neueon Towers Limited (erstwhile Sujana Towers Limited) was established in April 2006 after demerger of Towers Division of Splendid Metal Products Limited (erstwhile Sujana Metal Products Limited), pursuant to the scheme of arrangement and amalgamation as approved by the High Court Andhra Pradesh. Neueon Towers Limited (NTL) is engaged in manufacturing of galvanized steel towers used in the power transmission and telecom tower sector. NTL was initially a part of the Sujana group, promoted by Y.S. Chowdhary who has more than 23 years of experience in steel products manufacturing and trading. The group has diversified business activity with presence in construction & structural steel, power transmission & telecom towers and allied services, energy (generation, distribution, green energy consulting and manufacture of energy saving LEDs), basic and urban infrastructure development, precision engineering components, domestic appliances and international trade.

<sup>1</sup>Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at www.careedge.in and other CARE Ratings Ltd.'s publications

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<b>Brief Financials (₹ crore)</b>	March 31, 2020 (A)	March 31, 2021 (A)	March 31,2022(UA)	Q1FY23 (UA)
Total operating income	4.17	0.10	NA	NA
PBILDT	-103.88	-2.38	NA	NA
PAT	-222.29	-64.61	NA	NA
Overall gearing (times)	-2.19	-2.07	NA	NA
Interest coverage (times)	-6.41	-1,252.63	NA	NA

A: Audited UA: Unaudited NA: Not Available

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating History for last three years: Please refer Annexure-2

Covenants of rated instrument/facility: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instruments/facilities is given in

Annexure 3

Complexity level of various instruments rated for this company: Annexure 4

Annexure-1: Details of instruments/facilities

Name of the Instrument	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (₹ crore)	Rating Assigned along with Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan		-	-	March 2019	821.69	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT-Working Capital Limits		-	-	-	598.55	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - ST- BG/LC		-	-	-	200.02	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

<sup>\*</sup>Issuer did not cooperate; Based on best available information

Annexure-2: Rating history for the last three years

		Current Ratings			Rating History			
Sr. No	Name of the Instrument/Ba nk Facilities	Typ e	Amount Outstandi ng (₹ crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating( s) assigne d in 2022- 2023	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2021-2022	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2020-2021	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2019-2020
1	Fund-based - LT- Term Loan	LT	821.69	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (06-Aug-21)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (15-Jul-20)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (08-May-19)
2	Fund-based - LT- Working Capital Limits	LT	598.55	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (06-Aug-21)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (15-Jul-20)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (08-May-19)
3	Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	ST	200.02	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (06-Aug-21)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (15-Jul-20)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (08-May-19)

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# Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of the covenants of the rated instruments/facilities: Not Applicable

Annexure-4: Complexity level of various instruments rated for this company

Sr. No.	Name of Instrument	Complexity Level
1	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	Simple
2	Fund-based - LT-Working Capital Limits	Simple
3	Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	Simple

### Annexure-5: Bank lender details for this company

To view the lender wise details of bank facilities please click here

**Note on complexity levels of the rated instruments:** CARE Ratings has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careedge.in for any clarifications.

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