

Neueon Towers Limited

August 14, 2023

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank	1,420.24	CARE D; ISSUER NOT	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT
Facilities		COOPERATING*	COOPERATING category
Short Term Bank	200.02	CARE D; ISSUER NOT	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT
Facilities		COOPERATING*	COOPERATING category

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1.

*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information.

Rationale and key rating drivers

CARE had, vide its press release dated December 27, 2017, 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 noncooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and an email dated July 04, 2023, to July 26, 2023. In line with the extant SEBI guidelines, CARE has reviewed the rating on the basis of 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).

Analytical approach: Standalone

Outlook: Not applicable

Detailed description of the key rating drivers:

At the time of last rating on August 03, 2022 the following were the rating strengths and weaknesses

Key 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.

Liquidity: Not applicable

Environment, social, and governance (ESG) risks: Not Applicable

Applicable criteria

Policy on default recognition Rating Outlook and Credit Watch Policy on Withdrawal of Ratings Financial Ratios - Non Financial Sector Liquidity Analysis of Non-Financial Sector Short-Term Instruments Manufacturing Companies Criteria on information adequacy risk and issuer non-cooperation

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



About the company and industry

Industry classification

Macro Economic Indicator	Sector	Industry	Basic Industry
Industrials	Capital Goods	Industrial Products	Aluminium, Copper & Zinc Products

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.

Brief Financials (₹ crore)	March 31, 2020 (A)	March 31, 2021 (A)		
Total operating income	4.17	0.10		
PBILDT	-103.88	-2.38		
РАТ	-222.29	-64.61		
Overall gearing (times)	-2.19	-2.07		
Interest coverage (times)	-6.41	-1,252.63		

A: Audited UA: Unaudited; Note: 'the above results are latest financial results 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: Annexure-4

Lender details: Annexure-5

Annexure-1: Details of instruments/facilities

Name of the Instrument	ISIN	Date of Issuance (DD-MM- YYYY)	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date (DD- MM-YYYY)	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*

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Annexure-2: Rating history for the last three years

		Current Ratings			Rating History				
Sr. No	Name of the Instrument/Ba nk Facilities	Тур е	Amount Outstandi ng (₹ crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigne d in 2023- 2024	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2022-2023	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2021-2022	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2020-2021	
1	Fund-based - LT- Term Loan	LT	821.69	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (03-Aug-22)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (06-Aug-21)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (15-Jul-20)	
2	Fund-based - LT- Working Capital Limits	LT	598.55	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (03-Aug-22)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (06-Aug-21)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (15-Jul-20)	
3	Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	ST	200.02	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (03-Aug-22)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (06-Aug-21)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (15-Jul-20)	

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*Long term/Short term.

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

Annexure-4: Complexity level of the various instruments rated

Sr. No.	Name of the 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: Lender details

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

Note on the 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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