

InkeL-Ekk Roads Private Limited

March 04, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	159.43	CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1.

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

Rationale and key rating drivers

CARE Ratings Ltd. had, vide its press release dated January 03, 2023, placed the rating(s) of InkeL-Ekk Roads Private Limited (IRPL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as IRPL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating and had not paid the surveillance fees for the rating exercise as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. IRPL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated November 19, 2023, November 29, 2023, December 09, 2023.

In line with the extant SEBI guidelines, CARE Ratings Ltd. has reviewed the rating on the basis of the best available information which however, in CARE Ratings Ltd.'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: Stable

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

Please refer to PR dated [January 03, 2023](#)

Applicable criteria

[CARE Rating's criteria on information adequacy risk and issuer non-cooperation](#)

[Policy on Default Recognition](#)

[Criteria on assigning outlook and credit watch](#)

About the Company

InkeL-EKK Roads Private Limited (IERPL), incorporated in 2016, is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) through Joint Venture between Inkel Limited (Inkel, rated CARE C; Stable; Issuer Not Cooperating / CARE A4; Issuer Not Cooperating / CARE C (FD); Stable; Issuer Not Cooperating) and EKK Infrastructure Limited for the construction, operation and maintenance of a 58 km road project in Kerala on Design, Build, Maintain and Transfer (DBFMT) on Annuity basis. The company has entered into a Concession Agreement (CA) with Road Infrastructure Corporation of Kerala Limited (RICK) for a period of 15 years, which includes the construction period of 2 years. The company achieved COD on April 02, 2018 which was around 145 days ahead of the scheduled completion date of August 25, 2018.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	March 31, 2022 (A)	March 31, 2023 (A)
Total operating income	23.14	14.42
PBILDT	18.62	8.28
PAT	8.42	2.06
Overall gearing (times)	2.61	2.68
Interest coverage (times)	1.38	0.67

A: Audited; 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

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

Covenants of the rated instruments/facilities: Detailed explanation of the 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-Long Term		-	-	June 2030	159.43	CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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Annexure-2: Rating history for the last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument / Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating History			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (₹ crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned 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-Long Term	LT	159.43	CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (03-Jan-23)	1)CARE BB-; Stable (03-Dec-21) 2)CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (09-Nov-21)	1)CARE BB-; Stable (18-Aug-20)

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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-Long Term	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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