

Lakshmi Rail Infra Private Limited

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Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	5.00	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category and Revised from CARE B; Stable;

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 February 14, 2023, placed the rating(s) of Lakshmi Rail Infra Private Limited (LRIPL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as LRIPL 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. LRIPL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated December 31, 2023, January 10, 2024, January 20, 2024.

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).

The ratings assigned to the bank facilities of LRIPL have been revised on account of non-availability of requisite information.

Analytical approach: Standalone

Revised from Combined approach; Earlier CARE has taken a combined view on Bemco Sleepers Limited, Lakshmi Prestress Concrete Works Private Limited and Lakshmi Rail Infra Private Limited. All the companies have similar line of operations; operate under the same management and operational linkages by way of intergroup transaction. Further, due to lack of sufficient information of all the group companies, the analytical approach has been changed to standalone.

Outlook: Stable

Detailed description of the key rating drivers:

Please refer to PR dated February 14, 2023

Applicable criteria

<u>CARE Ratings' criteria on information adequacy risk and issuer non-cooperation</u> <u>Policy on default recognition</u> <u>Criteria on Assigning 'Outlook' or 'Rating Watch' to Credit Ratings</u>

About the company

The Padia Group is involved in manufacturing of plastic tubs, cans & bottles (mainly for paint, lube & ink industry) and concrete sleepers mainly for railways. The group is jointly managed by promoters- Kesar Chand Padia (Chairman) along with his two sons - Bijay Padia (handles concrete sleeper business) and Ajay Padia (handles plastic business). Incorporated in 1980 as a proprietorship firm, Bemco Sleepers Limited (BSL) was reconstituted as a private limited company in 1983 and thereafter as a public limited company in 1995. The company was taken over by Mr. K. C. Padia from erstwhile promoters in Jan 2005.

BSL is engaged in manufacturing of pre-stressed concrete sleepers for Indian Railways and operates with two manufacturing units, one at Nandgaon and other at Kandwa with total installed Mono Block Sleepers capacity of 360,000 units per year and Turnout sleepers capacity of 67,500 units per year. Incorporated in 1987, Lakshmi Pre-stress Concrete Works Pvt Ltd (LPCWPL) is involved in manufacturing of concrete sleepers with a capacity to produce 252,000 units of Mono Block Sleepers per year. The company was taken over by Mr. K. C. Padia from erstwhile promoters in Sep 2017 by making OTS (One Time Settlement) to Indian Bank. Incorporated in 2009, Lakshmi Rail Infra Pvt Ltd (LRIPL) is involved in manufacturing of concrete sleepers with a capacity to produce 102,000 units of Mono Block Sleepers per year. The company was taken over by Mr. K. C. Padia from erstwhile promoters in Schere over by Mr. K. C. Padia from erstwhile promoters in Schere over by Mr. K. C. Padia from erstwhile promoters in Schere over by Mr. K. C. Padia from erstwhile promoters in Schere over by Mr. K. C. Padia from erstwhile promoters in Schere over by Mr. K. C. Padia from erstwhile promoters in Schere over by Mr. K. C. Padia from erstwhile promoters in Schere over by Mr. K. C. Padia from erstwhile promoters in October 2018 by making OTS to State Bank of India (SBI).

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



Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	March 31, 2021 (A)	March 31, 2022 (A)
Total operating income	29.49	6.48
PBILDT	4.28	1.05
PAT	2.59	0.37
Overall gearing (times)	1.74	1.32
Interest coverage (times)	7.69	2.18

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

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- Proposed fund based limits	-	-	-	-	5.00	CARE B-; Stable; 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/ Bank Facilities	Туре	Amount Outstanding (₹ crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2024- 2025	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
1	Fund-based - LT- Proposed fund based limits	LT	5.00	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERAT ING*	-	-	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (14-Feb-23)	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (24-Nov-21)

*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information, LT: Long 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-Proposed fund based limits	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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