

## Aircel Cellular Limited

May 02, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Long-term bank facilities	17,479.00	CARE D; 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 Limited (CARE Ratings), vide its press release dated February 13, 2023, continued to place ratings of Aircel Cellular Limited (ACL) under the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category, as the company had failed to provide requisite information required for monitoring of ratings as agreed to in its rating agreement. ACL continues to be non-cooperative, despite repeated requests for submitting information through phone calls and emails dated December 30, 2023, January 09, 2024, and January 19, 2024. In line with the extant SEBI guidelines, CARE Ratings has reviewed the rating based on best available information, which however, in CARE Ratings' 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 considering the above ratings.**

### Detailed description of key rating drivers

At the time of last rating on February 13, 2023, following were the rating weaknesses:

#### Key weaknesses

##### Delays in resolution process under National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)

The company has been admitted in the NCLT and its resolution process for debt is pending with the judiciary.

#### Analytical approach: Consolidated

Ratings consider a consolidated view on credit risk profiles of Aircel Limited and its wholly owned subsidiaries; Aircel Smart Money Limited, Aircel Cellular Limited and Dishnet Wireless Limited (AL- Aircel Limited, ASML – Aircel Smart Money Limited, ACL – Aircel Cellular Limited, DWL – Dishnet Wireless Limited). Refer to Annexure 6 for the list of consolidated entities.

#### Assumptions/Covenants

Not applicable

#### Environment, social, and governance (ESG) risks

Not applicable

#### Applicable criteria

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### About the company and industry

#### Industry classification

Macro-economic indicator	Sector	Industry	Basic industry
Telecommunication	Telecommunication	Telecom - services	Telecom - cellular & fixed line services

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

AL, together with its two wholly owned subsidiaries ACL and DWL, provides 2G wireless telecom services in 22 circles of India and 3G services in 13 circles. ASML, another wholly owned subsidiary of AL, provides mobile banking services. Maxis Communications Berhad (MCB), through Global Communication Service Holdings Limited and Deccan Digital Networks Private Limited, effectively holds approximately 73.99% equity interest in AL. Further, AL filed a petition under Section 10 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 before the National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai Bench.

Brief Financials (₹crore)	March 31, 2021 (A)	March 31, 2022 (A)	March 31, 2023 (A)
Total operating income	NA	NA	NA
PBILDT	NA	NA	NA
PAT	NA	NA	NA
Overall gearing (times)	NA	NA	NA
Interest coverage (times)	NA	NA	NA

A: Audited; UA: Unaudited; NA: Not Available

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:** ACL has not cooperated with ICRA, which has classified it as issuer not cooperative vide Press release dated August 30, 2023. The reason provided by ICRA is non-payment of surveillance fee by the company.

**Any other information:** Not applicable

**Rating history for last three years:** Annexure-2

**Covenants of rated instrument / facility:** Annexure-3

**Complexity level of 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
Non-fund-based - LT-BG/LC		-	-	-	3750.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Term Loan-Long Term		-	-	31-12-2024	13729.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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

**Annexure-2: Rating history for 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 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	Non-fund-based - LT-BG/LC	LT	3750.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (13-Feb-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (16-Nov-21)
2	Term Loan-Long Term	LT	13729.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (13-Feb-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (16-Nov-21)

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LT: Long term

**Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of covenants of rated instruments/facilities:** Not applicable**Annexure-4: Complexity level of instruments rated**

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument	Complexity Level
1	Non-fund-based - LT-BG/LC	Simple
2	Term Loan-Long Term	Simple

**Annexure-5: Lender details**

To view lender-wise details of bank facilities please [click here](#)

**Annexure-6: List of all the entities consolidated**

Sr No	Name of the entity	Extent of consolidation	Rationale for consolidation
1	Aircel Limited	Full	Parent Company
2	Aircel Cellular Limited	Full	100% wholly owned subsidiary of Aircel Limited
3	Aircel Smart Money Limited	Full	100% wholly owned subsidiary of Aircel Limited
4	Dishnet Wireless Limited	Full	100% wholly owned subsidiary of Aircel Limited

**Note on complexity levels of rated instruments:** CARE Ratings has classified instruments rated by it based on complexity. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to [care@careedge.in](mailto:care@careedge.in) for clarifications.

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