

SND Limited

June 05, 2024

Facilities	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	271.20	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Short Term Bank Facilities	100.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category

Details of 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 July 31, 2019, placed the rating(s) of SND Limited (SNDL) under the 'issuer noncooperating' category as SNDL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. SNDL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails dated January 01, 2024, February 01, 2024 and February 11, 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).

Analytical approach: Standalone

Outlook: Not applicable

Detailed description of the key rating drivers:

At the time of last rating on March 08, 2023, the following were the rating strengths and weaknesses:

Key weaknesses

Delays in debt servicing: There are continued delays in debt servicing obligation. The company has not serviced the interest and instalments on the debt as per Auditor's report of FY21.

Liquidity: Poor

Cash flow mismatches due to short credit period of 7 days from the date of invoice compared to billing cycle of around 80 days thus creating funding gaps for operational purpose and leading to additional working capital requirements. The same has resulted in delays in debt servicing.

Assumptions/Covenants: Not applicable

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

Applicable criteria

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

About the company and industry

Industry classification

Macro Economic Indicator	Sector	Industry	Basic Industry
Utilities	Power	Power	Power Distribution

SNDL is a power distribution franchisee within three urban circles (Civil lines, Mahal and Gandhibag) of Nagpur. In September 2010, Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) invited competitive bids to appoint the franchisee for the aforementioned three urban circles of Nagpur. The term of franchise is for 15 years, which is extendable by mutual consent. The bidding was based on 'Input-based franchisee model' and SNDL emerged as the successful bidder. The Distribution Franchisee Agreement (DFA) was signed by the company with MSEDCL on February 23, 2011, and it took over power distribution within these circles with effect from May 01, 2011. SNDL was promoted by the Spanco group (Spanco Limited), which was unable to achieve financial closure for the project and this resulted in SNDL owing an overdue up to Rs.230 crore to MSEDCL as on August 31, 2012. Subsequently, Spanco group entered into a share 'subscription-cum-shareholders' agreement with Essel Utilities Distribution Company Limited (EUDCL) of the Essel group to sell majority stake in SND. In September 2012, EUDCL received the approval of MSEDCL to acquire up-to 99% of the stake in SND in consideration for settling of dues of MSEDCL. Consequently, EUDCL holds up-to 99% equity stake and balance is with Spanco group. The total cost incurred stood at Rs.340 crore funded through debt of Rs.195 crore, through MSEDCL capital grant of Rs.48 crore and balance through equity & internal accruals. The previous management (Spanco) had spent Rs.110 crore.

Brief Financials (₹ crore)	March 31, 2020 (A)	March 31, 2021 (A)
Total operating income	621.33	0.00
PBILDT	(104.90)	(15.82)
PAT	(167.05)	(64.93)
Overall gearing (times)	NM	NM
Interest coverage (times)	NM	NM

A: Audited, NM: Not Meaningful; 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	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (₹ crore)	Rating Assigned along with Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	-	-	-	-	100.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	-	-	-	June 2024	171.20	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	-	-	-	-	100.00	CARE D; 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 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-Term Loan	LT	171.20	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (08-Mar-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (14-Dec-21)
2	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	100.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (08-Mar-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (14-Dec-21)
3	Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	ST	100.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (08-Mar-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (14-Dec-21)

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LT: Long term; ST: 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-Cash Credit	Simple
2	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	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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