

## Thrissur Expressway Limited

December 26, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	505.18	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 Ltd. had, vide its press release dated November 03, 2023, placed the rating(s) of Thrissur Expressway Limited (TEL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as TEL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. TEL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails dated September 18, 2024, September 28, 2024, October 08, 2024 among others.

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:

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

### Applicable criteria

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

[Policy on Default Recognition](#)

### About the company

Incorporated on April 08, 2009, Thrissur Expressway Ltd (TEL) is an Special Purpose Vehicle [SPV, (incorporated as Thrissur Expressway Private Limited and subsequently changed to public limited company)] for the purpose of 6- laning of the Vadakancherry-Thrissur section of NH-47 design change from km 236.135 to km 264.490 km (28.355 km length) in the state of Kerala on Design-Build-Finance-Operate (DBFO) basis, under the Concession Agreement (CA) from NHAI. NHAI has selected the consortium of KMC Constructions Limited and China Railway 18th Bureau Group Corporation Limited (CR18G) based on their bid for a positive grant of Rs.243.99 crore to execute the project in the shareholding ratio of 74:26 as the SPV for implementing the project. Subsequently, KMC Group increased its stake in the project and also transferred its share to its wholly owned subsidiary and road holding company viz. KMC Infratech Limited (KMCIL). Currently, KMCIL hold around 90% equity stake in TEL and CR18G holds the balance 10%.

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:** Not applicable

**Any other information:** Not applicable

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

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

**Complexity level of various instruments rated:** Annexure-4

**Lender details:** Annexure-5

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

**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 and Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan		-	-	March 2029	505.18	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	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	505.18	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (03-Nov-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (10-Aug-22)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (10-Jun-21)

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

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	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	Simple

**Annexure-5: Lender details**

To view the lender wise details of bank facilities please <a href="#">click here</a>
--

**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 for clarifications.

## Contact us

<b>Media Contact</b>  Mradul Mishra Director <b>CARE Ratings Limited</b> Phone: +91-22-6754 3596 E-mail: <a href="mailto:mradul.mishra@careedge.in">mradul.mishra@careedge.in</a>	<b>Analytical Contacts</b>  Shachee Nakul Vyas Assistant Director <b>CARE Ratings Limited</b> Phone: 079-40265665 E-mail: <a href="mailto:shachee.tripathi@careedge.in">shachee.tripathi@careedge.in</a>
<b>Relationship Contact</b>  Saikat Roy Senior Director <b>CARE Ratings Limited</b> Phone: 912267543404 E-mail: <a href="mailto:saikat.roy@careedge.in">saikat.roy@careedge.in</a>	Jekin Shah Analyst <b>CARE Ratings Limited</b> Phone: 079-40265615 E-mail: <a href="mailto:Jekin.Shah@careedge.in">Jekin.Shah@careedge.in</a>  Bhumika Baridun Associate Analyst <b>CARE Ratings Limited</b> E-mail: <a href="mailto:Bhumika.baridun@careedge.in">Bhumika.baridun@careedge.in</a>

### About us:

Established in 1993, CARE Ratings is one of the leading credit rating agencies in India. Registered under the Securities and Exchange Board of India, it has been acknowledged as an External Credit Assessment Institution by the RBI. With an equitable position in the Indian capital market, CARE Ratings provides a wide array of credit rating services that help corporates raise capital and enable investors to make informed decisions. With an established track record of rating companies over almost three decades, CARE Ratings follows a robust and transparent rating process that leverages its domain and analytical expertise, backed by the methodologies congruent with the international best practices. CARE Ratings has played a pivotal role in developing bank debt and capital market instruments, including commercial papers, corporate bonds and debentures, and structured credit.

### Disclaimer:

The ratings issued by CARE Ratings are opinions on the likelihood of timely payment of the obligations under the rated instrument and are not recommendations to sanction, renew, disburse, or recall the concerned bank facilities or to buy, sell, or hold any security. These ratings do not convey suitability or price for the investor. The agency does not constitute an audit on the rated entity. CARE Ratings has based its ratings/outlook based on information obtained from reliable and credible sources. CARE Ratings does not, however, guarantee the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of any information and is not responsible for any errors or omissions and the results obtained from the use of such information. Most entities whose bank facilities/instruments are rated by CARE Ratings have paid a credit rating fee, based on the amount and type of bank facilities/instruments. CARE Ratings or its subsidiaries/associates may also be involved with other commercial transactions with the entity. In case of partnership/proprietary concerns, the rating/outlook assigned by CARE Ratings is, inter-alia, based on the capital deployed by the partners/proprietors and the current financial strength of the firm. The ratings/outlook may change in case of withdrawal of capital, or the unsecured loans brought in by the partners/proprietors in addition to the financial performance and other relevant factors. CARE Ratings is not responsible for any errors and states that it has no financial liability whatsoever to the users of the ratings of CARE Ratings. The ratings of CARE Ratings do not factor in any rating-related trigger clauses as per the terms of the facilities/instruments, which may involve acceleration of payments in case of rating downgrades. However, if any such clauses are introduced and triggered, the ratings may see volatility and sharp downgrades.