

SND Limited

August 28, 2025

Facilities/Instruments	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 instruments/facilities in Annexure-1.

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 April 21, 2025, May 01, 2025 and May 11, 2025. 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 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

Definition of Default

Information Adequacy Risk and Issuer Non-Cooperation

Rating Outlook and Rating Watch

Financial Ratios - Non financial Sector

Liquidity Analysis of Non-financial sector entities

<u>Infrastructure Sector Ratings</u>

Short Term Instruments

Power Distribution

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

¹Complete definition of ratings assigned are available at <u>www.careratings.com</u> and other CARE Ratings Limited's publications.



About the company and industry

Industry classification

Macroeconomic 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: these are latest available financial results

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: Not applicable

Rating history for last three years: Annexure-2

Detailed explanation of 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	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (₹ crore)	Rating Assigned and Rating Outlook	
Fund-based -	_		-	-	100.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT	
LT-Cash Credit	_	-				COOPERATING*	
Fund-based -				_	June 2024	171.20	CARE D; ISSUER NOT
LT-Term Loan	-	-	-	Julie 2024	1/1.20	COOPERATING*	
Non-fund-based	_		-	-	100.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT	
- ST-BG/LC	_					COOPERATING*	

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Annexure-2: Rating history for last three years

		Current Ratings			Rating History			
Sr. No	Name of the Instrument/Ba nk Facilities	Typ e	Amount Outstandin g (₹ crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigne d in 2025- 2026	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2024-2025	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigne d in 2023- 2024	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2022-2023
1	Fund-based - LT- Term Loan	LT	171.20	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (05-Jun-24)	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (08-Mar-23)
2	Fund-based - LT- Cash Credit	LT	100.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (05-Jun-24)	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (08-Mar-23)
3	Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	ST	100.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (05-Jun-24)	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* (08-Mar-23)

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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-Cash Credit	Simple
2	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	Simple
3	Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	Simple

Annexure-5: Lender details

To view lender-wise details of bank facilities please click here

Note on complexity levels of rated instruments: CareEdge 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.

LT: Long term; ST: Short term.



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