

Gemini Graaphics Private Limited

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Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long-term bank facilities	23.05 (Reduced from 27.00)	CARE BBB-; Stable	Reaffirmed

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1.

Rationale and key rating drivers

Reaffirmation of the rating assigned to bank facilities of Gemini Graaphics Private Limited (GGPL) continues to derive strength from the stable scale of operations, comfortable capital structure and debt coverage indicators, approved secured facilities, experienced promoters, long track record and established relationships with its reputed clientele and suppliers. The rating also considers significant improvement in profit before interest, lease rentals, depreciation, and taxation (PBILDT) margins in FY25 (FY refers to April 01 to March 31); despite some moderation in 9MFY26. The PBILDT margin improved from 9.96% in FY23 to 18.33% in FY24, and further improved to 22.33% in FY25, led by higher share of high-margin orders. Margins are higher in confidential printing from education boards and recruitment boards. In 9MFY26, PBILDT margins moderated to 16.46%. In the previous year, the company completed two high-value orders totalling ₹22 crore in July-August 2024, while in the current year, two higher value and margin orders (₹18 crore worth of orders with high margins) are expected to be completed by January-February 2026, resulting in margins moderating in 9MFY26 compared to 9MFY25.

CARE Ratings Limited (CareEdge Ratings) expects margins to sustain and remain ~19.50-20.50% considering continued expectation of higher margin orders in the near-to-medium-term.

However, rating strengths are offset by working capital intensive operations and susceptibility to raw material price fluctuation and foreign exchange fluctuation risk.

Rating sensitivities: Factors likely to lead to rating actions

Positive factors

- Sustained improvement in the scale of operations with total operating income (TOI) over ₹250 crore and sustenance of operating margins (PBILDT margin) over 20% on a sustained basis, while maintaining comfortable capital structure.

Negative factors

- Significantly deteriorating TOI over 30% or PBILDT margin below 12%.
- Elongating collection and inventory period, leading to elongation working capital cycle on a sustained basis, which may put pressure on the company's working capital need.
- Un-envisaged debt programme, leading to deteriorating capital structure.

Analytical approach: Standalone

Outlook: Stable

The 'Stable' outlook reflects CareEdge Ratings expectation that GGPL will continue to benefit from the vast experience of promoters, approved secured facility and the company's established presence in the printing industry.

Detailed description of key rating drivers:

Key strengths

Stable scale of operations with significant improvement in PBILDT margins in FY24 and FY25, despite some moderation in 9MFY26

TOI improved by 7% from ₹163.87 crore in FY24 to ₹176.03 crore in FY25. TOI improved considering addition of new customers and increased orders from existing customers. The PBILDT margin improved from 18.33% in FY24 to 22.33% in FY25.

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

Improvement in margins was due to higher share of high-margin orders and moderation in raw material prices and lower energy costs. Typically, margins are higher in confidential printing such as question paper and government recruitment. Volume of these orders had risen to 5-10 lakh per order compared to 1-1.5 lakh per order earlier. In 9MFY26, the company achieved a TOI of ₹117.75 crore and PBILDT margins moderated to 16.46%. In the previous year, the company completed two high-value orders totalling ₹22 crore in July-August 2024, while in the current year, two higher value and margin orders (₹18 crore worth of orders with high margins) are expected to be completed by January-February 2026, resulting in margins moderated in 9MFY26 compared to 9MFY25. CareEdge Ratings expect margins to sustain and remain ~19.50-20.50%, considering continued expectation of higher margin orders in the near-to-medium-term.

Comfortable capital structure and debt coverage indicators

The company's debt profile consists of fund-based working capital limits, term loan and letter of credit (LC) acceptances. The company's overall gearing stood comfortable at 0.29x as on March 31, 2025, compared to 0.51x in FY24, due to accretion of profits in reserves and part repayment of term debt. Pursuant to buy back scheme, Suhas Sabade and Ramasubbulakshmi R bought back 53,550 shares at ₹255.28 each from GGPL, on August 26, 2024, leading to decrease in their shareholding in the company. The company's paid-up capital decreased by ₹0.11 crore on giving effect to the scheme, while there was also impact of ~₹3.2 crore on the net worth.

The company's comfortable capital structure provides sufficient gearing headroom in case of exigencies. Coverage indicators also stood comfortable in FY25 with total debt to gross cash accruals (TD/GCA) of 0.70x compared to 1.28x in FY24 and interest coverage ratio of 17.21x compared to 10.92x in FY24, considering significant improvement in operating profitability.

Long-standing relationship with its reputed clientele and well-established procurement network

Majority revenue (~80%) comes from the education segment and the company is established as a preferred vendor for supplying printing products and maintains healthy relationships with customers in the education segment, lottery and banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) segment, and its customer portfolio comprises colleges, universities, state education boards, state lotteries and banks. The company adds reputed customers yearly. GGPL's developed a well-established procurement and distribution network over its years of operation. The company has been in this business for over four decades and stable relationships with its suppliers of wastepaper, pulp and printing inks. The company procures wastepaper and ink from the domestic market and imports its pulp requirement from the US, Europe and the Netherlands.

Approved secured facilities

GGPL has two printing presses and one security paper manufacturing plant in Bidar (125km from Hyderabad). The plant and buildings adhere to norms stipulated for security printers by the Indian Banks Association (IBA). The company has its products accredited with the Bureau of Indian Standards, and the paper mill has accreditation of ISO 9001-2008. The printing plant has capacity of 20 million documents per day, while the paper plant has capacity of manufacturing 4,000 metric tonne per annum (MTPA; high security papers, specialty and industrial papers). The entry barrier remains high, considering stringent guidelines set by the company's clientele to award the work order.

Long-standing track record and extensive promoter experience

GGPL has a track record of over four decades in the printing business. Over the years, the group established its position in BFSI industry with long-standing relationship with its key customers and increased the scale of operations and addition of new products in its portfolio considering market demand. Over the years, the company developed new products to cater to its customers. Suhas Sabade has over four decades of industry experience in similar business and Varun Shenoy holds an engineering degree and has over a decade of industry experience. He manages the company's marketing and day-to-day operations.

Key weaknesses

Working capital intensive operations

The company's operations are working capital intensive as reflected by gross current asset days of 164 days (PY: 162 days) and working capital cycle of 107 days (PY: 101 days) in FY25. For uninterrupted supply of raw material, the company holds inventory for an average period of 2-2.5 months. Inventory holding on March 31, 2025, was 77 days as this is the peak period for the printing division serving education institutes, where majority sale is booked in the last quarter. Due to low bargaining power with reputed clients, the company offers higher credit period and collection days remain stretched at 64 days. Despite an increase in working capital cycle, cash flow from operating activities remained positive at ₹27.24 crore in FY25, compared to ₹23.41 crore in FY24, considering healthy profitability. Average of maximum utilisation of working capital limits for 12 months ended December 2025, stood at 22%.

Susceptibility to raw material price fluctuations and foreign exchange fluctuation risk

The main raw material is wastepaper, which is purchased from domestic markets, whereas pulp for paper manufacturing is procured from the US, Europe and the Netherlands and ink is procured from the domestic market. Raw material prices constitute a major portion of the company's total production cost. As the price of wastepaper depends on international demand and supply, it leads to volatility in prices. Total imports accounted for ₹2.90 crore while exports sales accounted for ₹1 crore in FY25 and provide a natural hedge. However, since the company does not use hedging mechanism for its imports, it is exposed to foreign exchange fluctuation risk.

Liquidity: Adequate

The company's liquidity remains adequate marked by expected GCA of ₹25 crore for FY26, against which the company has repayment obligations of ₹2.65 crore in FY26. Average of maximum utilisation of fund-based limits stood at 22% for 12 months ended December 2025. GGPL has unencumbered cash and bank balance of ₹2.12 crore on December 31, 2025, compared to ₹13.97 crore on March 31, 2025. Cash flow from operations (CFO) stood positive at ₹27.24 crore in FY25 compared to ₹23.40 crore in FY24. The current ratio stood moderate at 1.96x on March 31, 2025, compared to 1.68x on March 31, 2024.

Applicable criteria

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About the company and industry

Industry classification

Macroeconomic indicator	Sector	Industry	Basic industry
Commodities	Forest materials	Paper, forest and jute products	Paper and paper products

GGPL was incorporated by technocrats G G Shenoy and Suhas Sabade in 1983 for manufacturing security printing, while the security paper manufacturing unit was commissioned in 2003, as part of the backward integration strategy. This served special or custom-made paper requirements from its own unit. The company specialises in security printing such as security papers used in banks, cheque books, lottery tickets, university and school certificates, answer sheets, mark sheets and optical mark recognition (OMR) sheets.

Brief Financials (₹ crore)	March 31, 2024 (A)	March 31, 2025 (A)	9MFY26 (UA)
Total operating income	163.87	176.03	117.75
PBILDT*	30.04	39.30	19.38
Profit after tax (PAT)	18.16	24.86	16.48
Overall gearing (x)	0.51	0.20	0.09
Interest coverage (x)	10.92	17.21	28.93

A: Audited UA: Unaudited; Note: these are latest available financial results

*PBILDT: Profit before interest, lease rentals, depreciation and tax

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 - LT-Cash Credit		-	-	-	19.00	CARE BBB-; Stable
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan		-	-	31-01-2027	4.05	CARE BBB-; Stable

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 2025-2026	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
1	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	4.05	CARE BBB-; Stable	1)CARE BBB-; Stable (01-Apr-25)	1)CARE BB+; Stable (25-Apr-24)	-	-
2	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	19.00	CARE BBB-; Stable	1)CARE BBB-; Stable (01-Apr-25)	1)CARE BB+; Stable (25-Apr-24)	-	-

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-Cash Credit	Simple
2	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	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.

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