

Aircel Smart Money Limited

August 13, 2026

Facilities/Instruments	Name of the Regulator ¹	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ²	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	RBI	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 (CareEdge Ratings) had, vide its press release dated May 26, 2025, placed the rating(s) of Aircel Smart Money Limited (ASML) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as ASML had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. ASML continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails dated April 11, 2026, April 21, 2026, May 01, 2026 among others.

In line with the extant SEBI guidelines, CareEdge Ratings has reviewed the rating on the basis of the best available information which however, in CareEdge 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 using the above rating(s).

Analytical approach: Standalone

Standalone while factoring in financial and managerial linkages with Aircel Limited (AL), integral to the operations of Aircel Smart Money Limited.

Outlook: Not Applicable

Detailed description of key rating drivers

Please refer to PR dated [May 26, 2025](#)

Applicable criteria

[Policy on Default Recognition](#)

[Criteria on Information Adequacy Risk and Issuer Non-Cooperation](#)

About the company

AL, together with two of its wholly owned subsidiaries, ACL and DWL, provides 2G wireless telecom services in all 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 ~73.99% equity interest in AL. AL had filed a petition before the NCLT, Mumbai Bench in terms of Section 10 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: ICRA has continued the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of ASML into 'Issuer not-cooperating' category vide press release dated January 20, 2026 on account of non-availability of requisite information from the company.

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating history for last three years: Annexure-2

Covenants of rated instrument / facility: Annexure-3

For complexity level of instruments rated refer to Annexure-1

¹SEBI: Securities and Exchange Board of India; RBI: Reserve Bank of India; MCA: Ministry of Corporate Affairs; IRDAI: Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India; PFRDA: Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority

²Complete definitions of the ratings assigned are available at www.careratings.com and in other CARE Ratings Limited's publications.

Lender details: Annexure-4**Disclosure on facilities/instruments and name of the regulators:**

A list of facilities / instruments falling under the purview of various financial sector regulators (FSRs) along with the names of respective FSRs has been duly disclosed by CareEdge Ratings on its website. A link to the same has been provided below for ready reference:

https://www.careratings.com/activities_and_regulators

Note: For facilities or instruments falling under the purview of FSRs other than Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the grievance / dispute redressal mechanisms and investor protection mechanisms provided by SEBI shall not be available.

Annexure-1: Details of instruments/facilities

Name of the Instrument	Name of the Regulator	Complexity Level	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	RBI	Simple	-		-	December, 2024	13729.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - LT-BG/LC	RBI	Simple	-		-	-	3750.00	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 2026-2027	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
1	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	13729.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-May-25)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (02-May-24)	-
2	Non-fund-based - LT-BG/LC	LT	3750.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-May-25)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (02-May-24)	-

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LT: Long term

Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of covenants of rated instruments/facilities: Not Applicable**Annexure-4: 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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