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CARE REAFFIRMS THE RATING ASSIGNED TO THE BANK FACILITIES OF ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Ratings

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Remarks
Long-term Bank Facilities	388.46	'CARE BBB-' (Triple B Minus)	Reaffirmed
Total Facilities	388.46		

Rating Rationale

The rating continues to draw support from APSRTC's established track record of more than 50 years, social and economic importance of the operations of the Corporation, strong fleet base, improving operational performance, good debt servicing track record, financial support from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) and improved financial results during FY08 and FY09. The rating is however constrained by considerable accumulated losses as on March 31, 2009 resulting from losses incurred by the Corporation over the years, net loss in 9MFY10, limited control on the cost and pricing structure and growing competition from the private operators.

Going forward, continuation of financial support from the State Government, timely receipt of subsidy from the Government and APSRTC sustaining the improved operational performance would be key rating sensitivities.

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Company Profile

APSRTC was established in January 1958 under the Road Transport Corporations Act 1950 for providing road transport facilities in the State of Andhra Pradesh (AP) and neighboring states. As on December 31, 2009, the corporation had a fleet of 21,439 buses serviced through 202 depots. APSRTC reported a PAT of Rs.111 cr on total revenue of Rs.5,021 cr in FY09 (unaudited). For the nine-month period ended December 31, 2009 (unaudited), APSRTC posted a net loss of around Rs.63 cr on a total income of Rs.3,776 cr.

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