



Balasore Alloys Limited

December 29, 2017

Ratings			
Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long-term Bank Facilities	90.00	CARE BBB-; Credit watch with negative implications (Triple B Minus; Credit watch with negative implications)	Placed on credit watch with negative
Short-term Bank Facilities	95.30	CARE A3; Credit watch with negative implications (A Three; Credit watch with negative implications)	implications
Total Facilities	185.30 (Rs. One hundred eighty five crore and thirty lakh only)		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

CARE has placed the ratings of bank facilities of Balasore Alloys Ltd (BAL) on credit watch with negative implications. The rating action indicates that the ratings may be downgraded or reaffirmed.

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

The rating action reflects uncertainty of outcome related to the ongoing investigation by Directorate of Enforcement ('ED') on the promoters of Balasore Alloys Ltd, who are being probed for defrauding the State Trading Corporation of Rs 2,112 crore under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The agency has attached part of the immovable properties/fixed assets worth Rs.244.89 crore of Balasore Alloys Ltd.

CARE will monitor the development in this regard and will take a view on the ratings once the exact implications of the above matter on the credit risk profile of BAL is clear.

About the Company

Balasore Alloys Limited (BAL), incorporated in May, 1984, is a part of Kolkata-based Ispat group of companies promoted by Mr. M. L. Mittal. BAL commenced commercial operations in 1987 with production of ferro-chrome (FeCr). FeCr is mainly used in Stainless steel (SS) production. The manufacturing facilities of BAL are located in Balasore (Odisha) with an installed capacity of 1,40,751 MTPA and in Sukinda (Odisha) with an installed capacity of 15,660 MTPA for ferro chrome as on March 31, 2017. BAL has two chrome ore beneficiation plant, a chrome ore briquetting plant and a metal recovery plant.

BAL is one of the leading domestic producers and exporters of FeCr in India with its own captive chromite ore mine located at Sukinda valley (Jajpur) in Odisha which takes care of its entire chromite ore requirement.

During H1FY18 (refers to the period April 1 to September 30), the company has reported a PAT of Rs.45.52 crore (Rs. 16.92 crore in H1FY17) on a total operating income of Rs. 585.90 crore (Rs. 407.58 crore in H1FY17).

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY16 (A)	FY17 (A)
Total operating income	839.59	1012.51
PBILDT	83.95	179.65
PAT	18.69	89.52
Overall gearing (times)	0.59	0.49
Interest coverage (times)	2.66	4.57

A: Audited

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Brickwork ratings have mentioned in its website that the ratings are not reviewed.

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating History for last three years: Please refer Annexure-2



Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: CARE has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity. This classification is available at www.careratings.com. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careratings.com for any clarifications.

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Annexure-1: Details of Instruments/Facilities

Name of the Instrument	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. crore)	Rating assigned along with Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	-	-	-	90.00	CARE BBB- (Under Credit watch with Negative Implications)
Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	-	-	-	95.30	CARE A3 (Under Credit watch with Negative Implications)



Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr.	Name of the	Current Ratings			Rating history			
No.	Instrument/ Bank Facilities	Туре	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-2018	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2015-2016	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2014-2015
1.	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	-	-	-	-	-	1)CARE BB+ (25-Nov-14)
2.	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT		CARE BBB- (Under Credit watch with Negative Implications)	1)CARE BBB-; Stable (25-Oct-17)	1)CARE BBB-; Stable (14-Feb-17) 2)CARE BBB-; Stable (19-Jan-17)	1)CARE BB (21-Dec-15)	1)CARE BB+ (25-Nov-14)
	Non-fund- based - ST- BG/LC	ST		CARE A3 (Under Credit watch with Negative Implications)	1)CARE A3 (25-Oct-17)	1)CARE A3 (14-Feb-17) 2)CARE A3 (19-Jan-17)	1)CARE A4 (21-Dec-15)	1)CARE A4+ (25-Nov-14)





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