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CARE REAFFIRMS THE RATING ASSIGNED TO THE NCD ISSUE OF CENTURY TEXTILES AND INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Remarks
Non-Convertible Debenture issue	400	CARE AA- (Double A Minus)	Reaffirmed
Total Facilities	400 (Rupees Four Hundred crore only)		

Rating Rationale

The reaffirmation of the rating on the Non-Convertible Debentures (NCD) issue of Century Textiles Limited (CTIL) continue to derive strength from the parentage of the B. K. Birla group – one of the oldest and prominent business houses of India, its experienced management, CTIL's well-established operations and diversified business profile. The rating draws comfort from the equity infusion of around Rs.662 crore by the Aditya Birla (AB) group (headed by Mr Kumar Mangalam Birla, grandson of B.K. Birla) and management presence of AB group in CTIL. The rating also takes into account the completion of the projects of around Rs.3,440 crore in cement and real estate segments.

The rating also factors in CTIL's moderate financial risk profile characterized by increased gearing level owing to debt availed to fund the projects as well as delay in execution of the projects, sizeable imminent repayments leading to temporary moderation in the debt servicing indicators and persistent dip in profitability.

CTIL's ability to reap the benefits from the expanded capacities and improve its operating performance and capital structure is the key rating sensitivity.

Background

CTIL, a part of the B. K. Birla group, was established in 1897 to operate a cotton textile mill in Mumbai. Subsequently, the company has expanded and diversified its activities and presently, CTIL is a well-diversified conglomerate. The company is engaged in the manufacturing of cement, textiles, pulp and paper products, and chemicals at manufacturing facilities located across different states of India.

As on March 31, 2015, CTIL had a total cement installed capacity of 12.8 million tonnes per annum (mtpa), tyre yarn installed capacity of 25,000 tpa, cotton and denim cloth installed capacity of 300 and 210 lakh meters per annum respectively and pulp & paper product installed capacity of 4.45 lakh tpa.

The company is also developing real estate in Mumbai to be offered on lease. Century Tower (Birla Aurora) having 15 office floors and 7 parking floors with an area of 290,000 Sq. Ft. located in Worli (behind century bhavan) is completed and around 50% of the building has already been leased out. CTIL's second commercial building at Worli is expected to be completed by June 2016.

Key developments since last review (June 30, 2014)

In June 2014, CTIL has decided to issue 1.86 crore warrants on preferential basis which are fully convertible into equal number of equity shares of Rs.10/- each. Mr. K.M. Birla, the Chairman of the Aditya Birla group, subscribed to 1.86 core preferential warrants (through private companies to consolidate the holding) and had infused around Rs.662 crore (as on

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December 18, 2015) over a period of 18 months. As on December 31, 2015, the entire 1.86 crore warrants have been converted to equity shares. Upon conversion of the warrants, the promoter holding of CTIL had increased from 45.22% (as on September 30, 2015) to 50.21% (as on December 31, 2015) with Mr K.M. Birla effectively holding ~17% stake. The funds were used to reduce the debt level of the company.

During FY15 (refers to the period April 1 to March 31), CTIL post a total income of Rs.7,555 crore with a PAT (Profit After Tax) of Rs.15 crore as against a total income of Rs.6,698 crore and a PAT of Rs.3 crore during FY14. Furthermore, during 9MFY16, CTIL reported net sales of Rs.5,698 crore and net loss at the PAT level of Rs.64 crore as against net sales of Rs.5,289 crore and PAT of Rs.4 crore in 9MFY15.

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