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CARE REAFFIRMS THE RATING TO THE BANK FACILITIES/INSTRUMENTS OF IL&FS TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS LTD.

Ratings

Instruments	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings	
Long-term Bank Facilities – Term Loan	1,186.50 [Reduced from Rs.1,357.00 crore]	**CARE A (Single A)**	**Reaffirmed**
Short-term Bank Facilities – Term Loan	420.50 [Enhanced from Rs.230.00 crore]	**CARE A1 (A One)**	**Reaffirmed**
Long/Short-term Bank Facilities	600.00 [Reduced from Rs.620.00 crore]	**CARE A/CARE A1 (Single A/A One)**	**Reaffirmed**
Commercial paper issue	750.00	**CARE A1 (A One)**	**Reaffirmed**
Long-term Non-Convertible Debentures	1,500.00	**CARE A [Single A]**	**Reaffirmed**
Total instruments/bank facilities	**4,457.00 (Rupees Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Seven crore only)**		

Rating Rationale

The reaffirmation of the ratings assigned to the bank facilities/instruments of IL&FS Transportation Networks Ltd (ITNL) continue to draw comfort from strong parentage of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited (IL&FS, rated 'CARE AAA/CARE A1+'), significant experience and expertise of IL&FS Transportation Networks Limited (ITNL) in surface transportation and road infrastructure development, established track record in project execution and its dominant position in the domestic road sector reflected by ownership of geographically diversified road assets with healthy mix of annuity and toll based projects. The ratings also build in recent efforts by the company to deleverage its balance sheet by raising equity through proposed rights issue. The increased government focus on investment and development of road infrastructure in India are the other credit positives.

The rating strengths are, however, tempered by ITNL's continued financial commitments and support extended to under construction and operational projects and relatively high financial leverage. While ITNL continues to remain exposed to refinancing risk due to long gestation period of the investment in the projects and medium to short-term borrowings being used to support such investments, CARE draws comfort from refinancing of part of short-term debt by longer maturity debt in FY15 (refers to the period April 1 to March 31) resulting in elongation of the effective maturity of debt. The ratings strengths are further tempered by project execution and implementation risks as approximately 3,941 lane km at SPV level are currently under various stages of construction/development and are likely to be commissioned in the next 2-3 years.

Higher than envisaged financial commitment to SPVs, timely funds mobilisation by way of proposed rights issue with resultant impact on the ITNL's capital structure and concomitant improvement in financial leverage are the key rating sensitivities.

Background

ITNL is involved in the development, operations and maintenance of surface transportation infrastructure projects encompassing national and state highways, roads, tunnels, flyovers and bridges with expertise in development of build operate transfer (BOT) road projects. ITNL also renders services in areas of project advisory and management, supervisory, operation and maintenance (O&M) and toll collection services. As on March 31, 2015, the company is the largest player in road development segment on BOT basis with a pan India presence in 19 states. Incorporated in 2000, ITNL was promoted by IL&FS (rated 'CARE AAA/A1+') which holds 70.79% equity stake (along with other IL&FS group companies) in ITNL, in order to consolidate its existing road infrastructure projects.

The company reported profit after tax (PAT) of Rs.319 crore on a total operating income of Rs.3,580 crore in FY15 as against PAT of Rs.266 crore on a total operating income of Rs.3,668 crore in FY14.

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