

IL&FS Transportation Networks Limited (Revised)

July 18, 2018

Ratings

Bank Facilities (A)	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹	Remarks
Long - Term Bank Facilities	1,741.50	CARE BB; 'Negative' (Double B; Outlook: Negative)	Revised from CARE A-; Negative (Single A Minus; Outlook; Negative)
Short - Term Bank Facilities	230.00	CARE A4 (A Four)	Revised from CARE A2+; (A Two Plus)
Long/Short Term Bank Facilities	890.00	CARE BB; Negative / CARE A4 (Double B; Outlook Negative / A Four)	Revised from CARE A-; Negative/ CARE A2+ (Single A Minus; Outlook; Negative /A Two Plus)
Total bank facilities (A)	Rs.2,861.50		

Instruments (B)	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating	Remarks
Long Term Instruments- Non-Convertible Debentures	425.00	CARE BB; Negative (Double B; Outlook: Negative)	Revised from CARE A-; Negative (Single A Minus; Outlook; Negative)
Commercial Paper	-	-	Withdrawn
Total Instruments (B)	Rs.425.00		
Total Bank facilities/instruments (A+B)	Rs.3,286.50 (Three thousand two hundred eighty six crore and fifty lakh only)		

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

The revision in the ratings of IL&FS Transportation Networks Limited factors in the weakened credit profile marked by non-materialization of deleveraging efforts and lower than anticipated claims receipts translating into weak liquidity. ITNL's five Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV's; of which two are rated by CARE) reported default in servicing of its debt obligation for the month ended June 2018. Unlike the past track record of supporting SPV's, ITNL did not extend the support which translated into delay in debt servicing by the SPV's. According to ITNL, it has initiated termination of projects under these SPV's.

On a consolidated basis, the overall gearing as on Mar. 31, 2018 has elevated to 7.21x times from 6.79x times as on same date previous year. ITNL has predominantly relied upon the debt for extending funding support to its operational and under construction Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs). Management of ITNL in the past had indicated about the deleveraging plan either through stake sale in the SPV's or through adequate equity infusion, however, either of these are yet to materialize.

ITNL also has a substantial amount (more than Rs.5,000 crore) of claim pendency with concession granting authorities at various level of approvals. According to company the accumulated claims are either for cost overrun arising primarily from delay in handover of ROW or due to change in scope of work. ITNL was to receive some portion of the claim (Rs.547 crore) from National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) during Q1FY2018 which was expected to bolster the cash flow and liquidity, however, same is yet to be received.

ITNL also faces high refinancing risk given the sizable near term repayment obligation. Also it is exposed to project execution and implementation risks as approximately 3,166 lane km of the total 13,493 lane kms at SPV level are under various stages of construction/development and are likely to be commissioned in the next 2-3 years. ITNL also has foreign exchange exposure on account of guaranteed debt in its subsidiaries namely Elsamex SA and YuHe Express.

¹Complete definitions of the ratings assigned are available at www.careratings.com and in other CARE publications.

The rating, however, continues to favourably factor in strong parentage of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited (IL&FS, rated 'CARE AAA; 'Stable'/CARE A1+'), significant experience and expertise of 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 promoter group has demonstrated support by providing the Debt service Reserve Account (DSRA) support undertaking for part of NCD's raised by ITNL to refinance its debt. Ability of ITNL to execute the under construction BOT projects in timely manner and within the envisaged cost parameters is critical from credit perspective, any incremental funding support to SPVs leading to deterioration in capital structure of ITNL are the key rating sensitivities.

CARE has withdrawn the rating assigned to the Commercial Paper of IL&FS Transportation Networks Limited (ITNL) with immediate effect at the request of the company as there are no amounts outstanding under the issue as on date.

Outlook: Negative

CARE continues with negative outlook as there is sizable amount of support required either by way of equity or loans and advances for its project SPVs. CARE notes that ITNL has several plans to monetize mature assets, re-financing to longer maturity debt and settlement of claims pending with authorities, which can be either up streamed to reduce debt or support the SPVs.

The outlook will be revised to stable, if ITNL's plans of monetization of assets, substantial equity infusion and realization of its claims from the authorities progress in a timely manner during FY2019, which results in meaningful deleveraging of its balance sheet both at standalone as well as consolidated level.

Key Rating Weakness***Defaults reported by SPV's owing to non-extension of support by ITNL***

Five SPV's of ITNL reported default in servicing of debt obligation for month of June 2018 owing to non-extension of support and termination initiated for those projects. Unlike its past track record of support, ITNL has not extended the support which translated into nonpayment of debt obligation for these SPV's. According to ITNL, it has initiated the termination of projects under these SPV's.

Weakened credit profile with elevated gearing; pending claims realization remains critical

ITNL's overall credit profile has deteriorated on account of higher than anticipated increase in its leverage driven by combination of higher than anticipated support required by its SPVs and delay in pending claims realization from authorities. Further, the refinancing risk for the company remains on higher side with near term obligations remaining high despite efforts being made by the company to elongate maturity profile of the loans.

Management has also indicated, that they are aggressively looking at divestment opportunity which would considerably improve ITNL's leverage position on consolidated basis, however, plans have not yet materialized.

Further, ITNL as over Rs.5000 crore of claim pendency with concession granting authorities at various level of approvals, timely receipt of these claims remains critical.

Refinancing risk continues to remain elevated

In FY2018, ITNL refinanced total senior debt aggregating to Rs.5,739 crore by NCDs/Term Loans (comprising of Rs.3,126 crore at standalone level and Rs.2,613 crore at SPV level), which reduced the total interest cost in a range of 200-280 bps. Nevertheless, the company continues to remain exposed to refinancing risk in the short term. However, ITNL enjoys comfortable standing among various banks/FIs by virtue of being an IL&FS group entity, which has helped the company to refinance large amount of short term loans in the past. Further, the company also receives need based funding support from the group. Going forward, the company plans to raise debt having longer maturity period to address the issue of asset-liability mismatch.

Key Rating Strengths

Strong parentage and linkages with IL&FS, strategic importance and significant experience of ITNL in road infrastructure development

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 BOT road projects. ITNL also renders services in areas of project advisory and management, supervisory in the capacity of lenders' engineer, operation and maintenance (O&M) and toll collection services. Incorporated in 2000, ITNL was promoted by IL&FS, which currently holds 71.92% equity stake, in order to consolidate its existing road infrastructure projects. ITNL has a proven track record and has successfully implemented and undertaken operation and maintenance of various infrastructure projects in roads and urban infrastructure segment. The company has strong capabilities in appraising infrastructure projects and mobilizing resources for the same.

Diversified asset portfolio and improvement in the business profile of ITNL

In FY2018, ITNL earned about 56.60% (on a standalone basis) of its reported total income from construction activity as against 66.20% in FY2017. The other contributors to the total revenue are profit on sale of investments (9.43%), advisory and project development fees (4.28%), O&M income 4.47%, and supervision income (0.28%). ITNL has presence across different business verticals in the surface transportation segment, such as roads, urban transport, railways and development of border check posts. The company has a geographically diversified investment portfolio having presence in 19 countries and a pan India presence in with a healthy mix of toll and annuity projects. However, the net profit has increased on account due to higher other income with higher proportion coming from interest income from SPVs and reversal in expected credit losses.

Robust order book offers medium term revenue visibility

ITNL's order book stood as on March 31, 2018 at Rs.17,620²crore (1.80x FY2018 consolidated revenues) offering medium term visibility. The company has projects of 3,166 lane kms under construction. Further, ITNL's order book is somewhat diversified with two states i.e. J&K and Maharashtra cumulatively accounting for 60% of the total order book as on March 31, 2018.

Analytical approach: For analysing the credit risk profile of ITNL, CARE has analysed the credit on a consolidated basis for ITNL as the company along with its SPVs, which house road assets and have strong linkages with holding company, both operational and financial.

Applicable Criteria

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About the Company

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 the areas of project advisory and management, supervisory in the capacity of lenders' engineer, operation and maintenance (O&M) and toll collection services. Incorporated in 2000, ITNL was promoted by IL&FS [rated CARE AAA; Stable/A1+] which currently holds 71.92% equity stake in ITNL, in order to consolidate its existing road infrastructure projects.

On a standalone basis, ITNL has earned about 56.60% of its total reported income from construction activity in FY2018 as against 66.20% in FY2017.

² The order book includes BOT, EPC and international orders; Rs/US \$= 68.00

As on March 31, 2018, the company is the largest player in road development segment on BOT basis (13,493 Lane kms) with a pan India presence in 20 states having 33 road projects (26 operational/7 under construction).

Brief Financials (consolidated) (Rs. crore)	FY17 (A)	FY18 (A)
Total operating income	8,402	9,779
PBILDT	3,577	4,324
PAT	65	146
Interest Coverage (times)	1.16	1.15
Overall Gearing; Leverage (times)	6.79	7.21

A: Audited

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

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-Term Loan	-	-	-	1691.50	CARE BB; Negative
Fund-based - ST-Term loan	-	-	-	230.00	CARE A4
Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantees	-	-	-	890.00	CARE BB; Negative / CARE A4
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	-	-	-	50.00	CARE BB; Negative
Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	04-Mar-14	11.50%	04-Feb-24	100.00	CARE BB; Negative
Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	22-Jul-14	11.50%	21-Jun-24	200.00	CARE BB; Negative
Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	21-Nov-14	11.50%	20-Nov-19	125.00	CARE BB; Negative
Commercial Paper	-	-	-	0.00	Withdrawn
Commercial Paper	-	-	-	0.00	Withdrawn

Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating history			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-2019	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-2018	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2015-2016
1.	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	1691.50	CARE BB; Negative	1)CARE A-; Negative (01-Jun-18)	1)CARE A; Negative (10-Oct-17)	1)CARE A (25-Oct-16)	1)CARE A (29-Oct-15) 2)CARE A (23-Jul-15)
2.	Fund-based - ST-Term loan	ST	230.00	CARE A4	1)CARE A2+ (01-Jun-18)	1)CARE A1 (10-Oct-17)	1)CARE A1 (25-Oct-16)	1)CARE A1 (29-Oct-15) 2)CARE A1 (23-Jul-15)
3.	Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantees	LT/ST	890.00	CARE BB; Negative / CARE A4	1)CARE A-; Negative / CARE A2+ (01-Jun-18)	1)CARE A; Negative / CARE A1 (10-Oct-17)	1)CARE A / CARE A1 (25-Oct-16) 2)CARE A / CARE A1 (12-May-16) 3)CARE A / CARE A1 (05-May-16)	1)CARE A / CARE A1 (29-Oct-15) 2)CARE A / CARE A1 (23-Jul-15)
4.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	225.00	CARE BB; Negative	1)CARE A-; Negative (01-Jun-18)	1)CARE A; Negative (10-Oct-17)	1)CARE A (25-Oct-16)	1)CARE A (29-Oct-15) 2)CARE A (15-Jun-15)

5.	Commercial Paper	ST	-	-	1)CARE A2+ (01-Jun-18)	1)CARE A1 (10-Oct-17)	1)CARE A1 (25-Oct-16)	1)CARE A1 (29-Oct-15) 2)CARE A1 (28-Aug-15)
6.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	200.00	CARE BB; Negative	1)CARE A-; Negative (01-Jun-18)	1)CARE A; Negative (10-Oct-17)	1)CARE A (25-Oct-16)	1)CARE A (29-Oct-15) 2)CARE A (15-Jun-15)
7.	Commercial Paper	ST	-	-	1)CARE A2+ (01-Jun-18)	1)CARE A1 (10-Oct-17)	1)CARE A1 (25-Oct-16)	1)CARE A1 (29-Oct-15) 2)CARE A1 (28-Aug-15) 3)CARE A1 (15-Jun-15)
8.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	390.00	CARE AAA (SO); Stable	1)CARE AAA (SO); Stable (01-Jun-18)	1)CARE AAA (SO); Stable (10-Oct-17)	1)CARE AAA (SO) (25-Oct-16) 2)CARE AAA (SO) (13-Apr-16)	-
9.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	200.00	Provisional CARE AAA (SO); Stable	1)Provisional CARE AAA (SO); Stable (01-Jun-18)	1)Provisional CARE AAA (SO); Stable (10-Oct-17)	1)CARE AAA (SO) (25-Oct-16) 2)CARE AAA (SO) (12-Apr-16)	-
10.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	425.00	CARE AAA (SO); Stable	1)CARE AAA (SO); Stable (01-Jun-18)	1)CARE AAA (SO); Stable (10-Oct-17)	1)CARE AAA (SO) (25-Oct-16) 2)CARE AAA (SO) (12-Apr-16)	-
11.	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	50.00	CARE BB; Negative	1)CARE A-; Negative (01-Jun-18)	1)CARE A; Negative (10-Oct-17)	1)CARE A (25-Oct-16) 2)CARE A (12-May-16)	-
12.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	250.00	CARE AA+ (SO); Stable	1)CARE AA+ (SO); Stable (01-Jun-18)	1)CARE AA+ (SO); Stable (10-Oct-17)	1)CARE AA+ (SO) (10-Nov-16) 2)Provisional CARE AA+ (SO) (25-Oct-16) 3)Provisional CARE AA+ (SO) (24-Aug-16)	-

							4)Provisional CARE AA+ (SO) (15-Jul-16)	
13.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	200.00	CARE AA+ (SO); Stable	1)CARE AA+ (SO); Stable (01-Jun-18)	1)CARE AA+ (SO); Stable (10-Oct-17)	1)CARE AA+ (SO) (25-Oct-16) 2)CARE AA+ (SO) (15-Jul-16)	-
14.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	200.00	CARE AA+ (SO); Stable	1)CARE AA+ (SO); Stable (01-Jun-18)	1)CARE AA+ (SO); Stable (10-Oct-17)	1)CARE AA+ (SO) (25-Oct-16)	-
15.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	100.00	CARE AA+ (SO); Stable	1)CARE AA+ (SO); Stable (01-Jun-18)	1)CARE AA+ (SO); Stable (10-Oct-17)	1)CARE AA+ (SO) (25-Oct-16) 2)CARE AA+ (SO) (24-Aug-16)	-
16.	Fund-based - LT- Term Loan	LT	500.00	CARE AA+ (SO); Stable	1)CARE AA+ (SO); Stable (01-Jun-18)	1)CARE AA+ (SO); Stable (23-Mar-18) 2)Provisional CARE AA+ (SO); Stable (25-Jan-18)	-	-

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