

# Ireo Grace Realtech Private Limited March 15, 2019

#### **Ratings**

| Facilities                   | Amount<br>(Rs. crore)  | Rating <sup>1</sup>   | Rating Action   |  |  |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| Long-term Bank<br>Facilities | 497.50   | CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Single D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*) | Issuer not cooperating;<br>Based on best available<br>information |  |  |
| Total Facilities             | 497.50<br>(Rs. Four hundred ninety seven<br>crore and fifty lakh only) |   |   |  |  |

## **Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers**

CARE has been seeking information from Ireo Grace Realtech Private Limited to monitor the rating vide e-mail communications dated March 11, 2019, January 31, 2019, December 03, 2018, and November 30, 2018 and numerous phone calls. However, despite our repeated requests, the company has not provided the requisite information for monitoring the ratings except audited financials for FY18. In line with the extant SEBI guidelines CARE's rating on Ireo Grace Realtech Private Limited's bank facilities will now be denoted as CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING\*.

Users of this rating (including investors, lenders and the public at large) are hence requested to exercise caution while using the above rating(s).

## Detailed description of the key rating drivers

At the time of last rating on July 19, 2018 the following were the rating weaknesses and strengths:

## **Key Rating Weaknesses**

#### Delay in debt servicing

The company has delayed in debt repayment on account of cash flow mismatches on the back of subdued real estate scenario, significant drop in sales momentum and sales realizations.

#### Project execution risk

IGPRL has revised its construction plan and has decided to execute the project in a phased manner. While the Phase 1 of the project is at advanced stage of execution; only basement work is completed in Ph-2. The company would be developing Ph-2 once Ph-1 is successfully completed and delivered. The company has revised the total project cost which is now being envisaged at Rs.1,572 crore as against Rs.1,419 crore envisaged earlier. The revision in the cost is mainly on account of increased interest expenses. Earlier IGRPL had planned to fund the project 'The Corridor Phase-1' with a debt of Rs.350 crore; however, IGRPL now has revised the funding pattern with project to be funded by a debt of Rs.450 crore. IGRPL has also revised the envisaged overall revenue from the project to Rs.2,090 crore as against Rs.2,364 crore envisaged earlier on account of falling realizations with the slowdown in the real estate market.

## **Arbitration Proceedings**

A criminal case has been filed in India besides arbitration proceedings in New York and Mauritius with respect of siphoning of funds by Ireo's top management. The matter is currently subjudice and the company has denied any wrong doing in this regard in their reply to the Economic Offences Wing. Any adverse outcome of the same will further weaken the credit profile of the company.

# Subdued industry scenario

The real estate market in Delhi-NCR has seen slow-down in the sales in past few quarters. Competitive pricing, increased transparency, speedy approvals process, clear land titles, improved delivery and project execution are expected to support growth of the real estate sector. While the sector continues to remain troubled with issues of high unsold inventory, delayed delivery of projects and financial stress on developers, the only segment that showed some signs of a rebound was the affordable housing category in the peripheries of the major markets. The broader market opinion is that while the long term story for residential market remains strong; the short term is expected to be sluggish.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at <u>www.careratings.com</u> and other CARE publications



## **Key Rating Strengths**

## **Experienced promoters and management team**

IGRPL is promoted by IREO, a private equity fund with assets of ~USD 1.7 billion invested in India. IGRPL is managed by professionals with experience in the real estate industry. The overall operations of the company are managed by team of professionals which includes Mr. Anupam Nagalia (Chief Operating Officer), who is a qualified Chartered Accountant and Company Secretary. Before joining IGRPL, he has worked with Vatika Group. Mr. Jai Bharat Aggarwal (Director Finance) is responsible for making financial decisions for the company. IREO group has established its track-record of delivery with completion of two group housing projects in group company Ireo Private Limited having more than 27.59 lakh square feet (lsf) of saleable area in Gurgaon region. Furthermore, IREO Group has also handed over 22 villas, 17 floors and 205 plots in township project at Ludhiana developed under group company Ireo Waterfront Private Limited and handed over 200 plots in Mohali developed under group company Puma Realtors Private Limited.

Analytical Approach: Standalone.

## Applicable criteria

Policy in respect of non-cooperation by issuer
Criteria on assigning Outlook to Credit Ratings
CARE's Policy on Default Recognition
Financial ratios – Non-Financial Sector
Rating Methodology: Factoring Linkages in Ratings

## **About the Company**

Incorporated in 2010, Ireo Grace Realtech Private Limited (IGRPL) is part of the IREO group, a real estate private equity fund with investable assets of ~USD 1.7 billion. Presently, IGRPL is developing a residential group housing project in Gurgaon under the name of 'IREO The Corridors'. IGRPL has accumulated land bank in Gurgaon region and proposes to launch more projects going forward. Presently, IGRPL has launched one GH housing project (The Corridors) on a land area of 37.5 acres comprising of 2,009 units.

| Particulars                       | 2017 (A) | 2018 (A) |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|--|
| Income from Continuing Operations | 409.92   | 80.55    |  |
| PBILDT                            | 119.75   | 38.84    |  |
| PAT                               | 23.80    | -8.44    |  |
| Overall Gearing                   | 0.75     | 1.46     |  |
| PBILDT Interest Coverage          | 3.64     | 0.82     |  |

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

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

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#### Annexure-1: Details of Instruments/Facilities

| Name of the<br>Instrument               | Date of<br>Issuance | Coupon<br>Rate | Maturity<br>Date | Size of the<br>Issue<br>(Rs. crore) | Rating assigned along with<br>Rating Outlook  |
|---|---------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Fund-based - LT-Term<br>Loan            | -                   | -              | -                | 450.00                              | CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* Issuer not cooperating; Based on best available information |
| Non-fund-based - LT-<br>Bank Guarantees | -                   | -              | -                | 47.50                               | CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* Issuer not cooperating; Based on best available information |

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# **Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years**

| Sr. | Name of the          | Current Ratings |             |                    | Rating history |             |             |             |
|-----|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| No. | Instrument/Bank      | Туре            | Amount      | Rating             | Date(s) &      | Date(s) &   | Date(s) &   | Date(s) &   |
|     | Facilities           |                 | Outstanding |                    | Rating(s)      | Rating(s)   | Rating(s)   | Rating(s)   |
|     |                      |                 | (Rs. crore) |                    | assigned in    | assigned in | assigned in | assigned in |
|     |                      |                 |             |                    | 2018-2019      | 2017-2018   | 2016-2017   | 2015-2016   |
| 1.  | Fund-based - ST-Term | ST              | -           | -                  | -              | -           | -           | 1)Withdrawn |
|     | loan                 |                 |             |                    |                |             |             | (21-Mar-16) |
| 2.  | Fund-based - LT-Term | LT              | 450.00      | CARE D; ISSUER     | 1)CARE D       | 1)CARE      | 1)CARE      | 1)CARE BBB  |
|     | Loan                 |                 |             | NOT                | (19-Jul-18)    | BBB-;       | BBB-;       | (21-Mar-16) |
|     |                      |                 |             | COOPERATING*       | 2)CARE BB;     | Negative    | Negative    |             |
|     |                      |                 |             | Issuer not         | Negative       | (16-Jan-18) | (24-Jan-17) |             |
|     |                      |                 |             | cooperating; Based | (04-Jul-18)    | 2)CARE      |             |             |
|     |                      |                 |             | on best available  |                | BBB-;       |             |             |
|     |                      |                 |             | information        |                | Negative    |             |             |
|     |                      |                 |             |                    |                | (12-Jul-17) |             |             |
|     |                      |                 |             |                    |                |             |             |             |
| 3.  | Non-fund-based - LT- | LT              | 47.50       | CARE D; ISSUER     | 1)CARE D       | 1)CARE      | -           | -           |
|     | Bank Guarantees      |                 |             | NOT                | (19-Jul-18)    | BBB-;       |             |             |
|     |                      |                 |             | COOPERATING*       | 2)CARE BB;     | Negative    |             |             |
|     |                      |                 |             | Issuer not         | Negative       | (16-Jan-18) |             |             |
|     |                      |                 |             | cooperating; Based | (04-Jul-18)    |             |             |             |
|     |                      |                 |             | on best available  |                |             |             |             |
|     |                      |                 |             | information        |                |             |             |             |

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