

## **DECEMBER 10, 2014**

# CARE REVISES THE RATINGS ASSIGNED TO THE BANK FACILITIES OF JICS LOGISTIC LIMITED

#### Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Ratings <sup>1</sup>	Remarks
Short Term Bank Facilities	7.50	CARE A3 [A Three]	Revised from CARE A4+ [A Four Plus]
Long Term / Short Term Bank Facilities	25.00	CARE BBB-/CARE A3 [Triple B Minus / A Three]	Revised from CARE BB+/CARE A4+ (Double B Plus / A Four Plus)
Total Bank Facilities	32.50		

#### **Rating Rationale**

The revision in the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of JICS Logistic Ltd. (JLL) factors in the improvement in the utilization of the agri-commodity warehouses with de-hiring of excess capacity leading to better profitability along with curtailment of its debt funded capacity expansion plans. The ratings also factor in the increase in the agri-lending portfolio of the company.

The rating continues to factor in the experience of promoters in agri warehousing industry, its diversified revenue profile and low overall gearing.

The ratings, however, continue to be constrained on account of its dependence on exchange-based volumes for its warehousing business along with project implementation risk and high operating leverage for its warehousing business.

The ability of the company to complete the on-going warehousing project without time or cost overruns, optimally utilize its storage capacities and improve its profitability and overall gearing would be the key rating sensitivities.

## **Background**

Incorporated in 2009, JLL took over the agri warehousing business of the partnership firms of its promoters, the Jhawar family members. At present, JLL is engaged in providing agri-warehousing and related services like agri finance and commodity procurement services. JLL had a warehousing capacity of around 182,668 metric tonne (MTs) of dry and cold storages as on March 31, 2014, including 52 warehouses taken on lease. It is also affiliated with National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Ltd. (NCDEX) as a warehousing service (WSP) provider across the country.

In FY12, a private equity fund managed by IL&FS invested Rs.40 crore in the entity. As on March 31, 2014, Jhawar family held the majority 94.51% stake and PE player held 5.49% stake, which post conversion of its compulsorily convertible preference shares of Rs.35 crore (convertible into equity shares on or before June and November 2021), would increase to 24.24%...

Based on the audited financials, JLL registered a total operating income of Rs.61.10 crore with a PAT of Rs.0.11 crore in FY14 compared with a total operating income of Rs.24.67 crore with a net loss of Rs.0.97 crore in FY13. Furthermore, as per the provisional results for Q1FY15, JLL earned a PBT of Rs.0.14 crore on a total operating income of Rs.36.59 crore.

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