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CARE REAFFIRMS THE RATINGS ASSIGNED TO THE BANK FACILITIES OF JSW CEMENT LTD

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Remarks
Long term Bank Facilities	1230.58	CARE BBB [Triple B]	Reaffirmed
Long term Bank Facilities	425.00	CARE BBB [Triple B]	Revised from CARE BBB (SO) [Triple B (Structured Obligation)]
Short term Bank Facilities	395.00	CARE A3 [A Three]	Reaffirmed
Total	2050.58 (Rs. Two thousand fifty crore and fifty eight lakh only)		

Rating Rationale

The ratings are supported by prominent promoters (JSW group) and experienced management besides the group synergies accruing to JSW Cement Ltd (JSWCL) for procurement of raw materials as well as marketing of end-product, location advantage of the plants as well as increase in scale of operations along with effort towards geographical diversification in revenue profile. The ratings also take into account significant improvement in operating performance in recent period and continued promoter support by way of equity infusion.

The ratings are, however, constrained by leveraged capital structure, limited track record of profitable operations and moderate debt servicing indicators. The ratings factors in low capacity utilisation of the slag grinding unit at Nandyal and higher dependence on debt for future expansions alongwith project execution risks associated with it and inherent cyclicity of the cement industry.

JSWCL's ability to expand the capacities and reap benefits from the same, deleverage its capital structure and to further improve its operational performance remain the key rating sensitivities.

Background

JSWCL is a subsidiary (72% equity stake) of JSW Investments Pvt Ltd (JIPL) which is an investment company controlled by JSW group headed by Mr. Sajjan Jindal. JSWCL was established with a view to utilize the slag generated from the integrated steel plant at Vijayanagar works of JSW Steel Ltd (JSWSL, rated CARE AA/A1+) for production of cement.

JSWCL has facilities to produce 0.60 million tonne per annum (mtpa) of Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (GGBS)/Portland Slag Cement (PSC) adjacent to JSWSL's plant at Vijayanagar (Karnataka). Further, in June 2012, JSWCL commissioned Greenfield cement plant comprising of clinkerization, grinding and blending facilities at Nandyal (Andhra Pradesh). The facility has capacities to produce 2.20 mtpa of clinker and 4.80 mtpa of GGBS/PSC/Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC). In addition, JSWCL has acquired a slag grinding unit in December 2012 with a capacity of 0.1 mtpa of GGBS to utilize slag generated by JSWSL's Dolvi steel complex (Maharashtra). Slag-based cement has certain advantages, such as increased strength, less corrosion, heat and water-resistance and longevity, which JSWCL aims to capitalise on.

During FY15 (refers to the period April 1 to March 31), on a total income of Rs.923.36 crore, the company posted PBILDT of Rs.165.12 crore and net loss of Rs.23.47 crore. While, during H1FY16 (refers to the period April 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015), on a total income of Rs.666.52 crore, the company posted PBILDT of Rs.163.33 crore and PAT of Rs.52.04 crore.

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

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