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Press Release

CARE REAFFIRMS THE RATINGS ASSIGNED TO THE BANK FACILITIES OF K.P.R MILLS LTD.

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Remarks
Long-term Bank Facilities	749.24	'CARE A-' (Single A Minus)	Reaffirmed
Short-term Bank Facilities	169.07	'PR2+' (PR Two Plus)	Reaffirmed
Total Facilities	918.31		

Rating Rationale

The ratings continue to factor in the promoters' established track record in the textile industry, KPR being one of the larger players in the Tiruppur yarn market and the integrated nature of its operations. The ratings, are, however, constrained by deterioration in financial performance of the company during FY09 characterized by less than anticipated growth in sales especially in the garment exports division on account of the economic slowdown in key export markets, sharp fall in operating margins and higher interest costs due to the debt funded expansion undertaken leading to lower profits.

Notwithstanding the improvement in performance reported by the company in 9MFY10, the ability of the company to improve sales especially in the garment division, while at the same time maintaining overall margins in light of the operating environment characterized by volatile cotton prices and poor power supply situation in Tamil Nadu would be critical to the prospects of the company. This along with the possible impact of the derivative contracts entered into by the company, on the financial risk profile of the company would be the key rating sensitivities.

¹ "Complete definitions of the ratings assigned are available at <u>www.careratings.com</u> and in other CARE publications".



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Company Profile

KPR is promoted by three brothers Mr.K.P.Ramasamy, Mr.K.P.D.Sigamani and Mr.P.Nataraj. KPR is an integrated player producing cotton yarn, cotton knitted fabrics and knitted apparels from its facilities located in the Tiruppur-Coimbatore region. KPR reported a total operating income of Rs.740 cr in FY09 and a PAT of Rs.10 cr. For the nine-month period ended December 31, 2009 the company reported an income of Rs.608 cr and a PAT of Rs.34 cr.

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