

Lakshmi Precision Screws Limited

March 20, 2018

Facilities	Amount	Rating ¹	Rating Action	
	(Rs. crore)			
Long Term Bank Facilities	115.50	CARE D	Assigned	
		(Single D)		
Short Term Bank Facilities	77.00	CARE D	Assigned	
		(Single D)		
Total	192.50			
	(Rs. One Hundred Ninety Two crore and Fifty Lakhs only)			

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

The ratings assigned to the bank facilities of Lakshmi Precision Screws Limited (LPS) factor in the ongoing delays in the servicing of the debt obligations due to the stressed liquidity position.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

Key Rating Weaknesses

Ongoing delays in debt servicing: There are ongoing delays in the servicing of the debt obligations. The delays are on account of weak liquidity position as the company is unable to generate sufficient funds in a timely manner.

Weak financial risk profile: The overall financial risk profile of the company has remained weak with declining income and continued losses at the net level. Consequently, the debt coverage indicators also remained stressed in the past. The capital structure of the company also remained leveraged owing to high debt levels and erosion of networth due to continued losses.

In 6MFY18 (Prov.) the company reported a total income of Rs.116.50 Cr., with net losses of Rs.25.50 Cr. during the period.

Exposure to raw material price volatilities: The raw material costs constituted ~46% of the total operating income in FY17. There is no long term contract for procurement of these raw materials and the company has to source the same on need basis at market-linked rates. Thus any adverse volatility in the prices of the same has bearing on the profitability of the company, owing to the competitive nature of the industry.

Cyclical industry nature: Various industries catered to by the company are sensitive to the shifting business cycles, including changes in the general economy, interest rates and seasonal changes in the demand and supply conditions in the market.

Key Rating Strengths

Experienced promoters and long track record of operations: The company was incorporated in 1968 by Mr. Lalit Kumar Jain (Managing Director and Chairman) who has a healthy experience of more than four decades in the steel industry. The company also has a team of trained and experienced personnel.

Analytical Approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria <u>Criteria on assigning Outlook to Credit Ratings</u> <u>Financial ratios – Non-Financial Sector</u> <u>CARE's methodology for manufacturing companies</u> <u>CARE's methodology for Short Term Instruments</u> <u>CARE's policy on default recognition</u>

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



About the Company

Lakshmi Precision Screws Ltd (LPS) was incorporated in January 1968 as a private limited company. Subsequently, the company was reconstituted as a public limited company in 1972. The company is engaged in the manufacturing of high-tensile fasteners with total installed capacity of 28,432 Metric Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) as on March 31, 2017. The company currently has four manufacturing units, three are situated in Rohtak and one in Gurgaon, Haryana. The company caters to various sectors such as wind Energy, Oil & Gas, Locomotives, Automobiles, Agriculture Equipments (tractors) and different industrial requirements. Apart from this, the company is also engaged in trading (11.80% of the total revenue during FY17) of high-tensile fasteners.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY16 (A)	FY17 (A)
Total operating income	313.27	259.42
PBILDT	21.57	4.47
PAT	-9.75	-40.97
Overall gearing (times)	4.18	11.34
Interest coverage (times)	0.57	0.11

A: Audited

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: CRISIL has suspended its ratings vide press release dated Jul 18, 2014, due to its inability to carry out a rating surveillance on account of lack of cooperation from the company.

Any other information: NA

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-Working	-	-	-	115.50	CARE D
Capital Limits					
Non-fund-based - ST- BG/LC	-	-	-	77.00	CARE D

Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr. No.		Current Ratings			Rating history			
		Туре	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-2018	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2015-2016	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2014-2015
	Fund-based - LT-Working Capital Limits	LT	115.50	CARE D	-	-	-	-
-	Non Fund-based - ST- BG/LC	ST	77.00	CARE D	-	-	-	-



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