

Loyal Textile Mills Limited

November 15, 2019

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Rating Action
Long-term Bank Facilities	124.00 (Reduced from 254.00)	CARE BBB+; Stable (Triple B Plus; Outlook: Stable)	Reaffirmed
Short-term Bank Facilities	433.00 (Enhanced from 278.00)	CARE A3+ (A Three Plus)	Reaffirmed
Total Facilities	557.00 (Rupees Five Hundred and fifty seven crore only)		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

The ratings assigned to the bank facilities of Loyal Textile Mills Limited (LTM) continue to derive strength from the long track record of LTM spanning more than seven decades, vertically integrated nature of operations, benefits derived from diverse and niche offerings within each product category and a widespread clientele.

The ratings, however, continue to be constrained by LTM's moderately high gearing level, working capital intensive nature of operations, susceptibility of profit margins to the volatile raw material prices and cyclical nature of the textile industry.

Going forward, the ability of the company to improve its profitability and cash accruals, and further rationalization of debt levels will be key rating sensitivity

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

Key Rating Strengths

Highly experienced management team:

Mr. A. Velliangiri, Chief Executive Officer has over four decades of experience in Finance, Accounts, Costing, Commercial functions and overall management in various large Industrial Organizations including Tamilnadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL) (Rated CARE A; stable/A1). He is aided by a well experienced management team. Most of the senior management of LTM has vast experience in the industry and have been associated with LTM for more than 20 years.

Long operational track record of LTM with vertically integrated textile mills:

LTM is one the oldest mills in South India having more than seven decades of track record with an established presence both in international and domestic markets. LTM has three ginning factories with a capacity to produce 60,000 kgs of cotton, four spinning mills having a combined capacity to produce 85,000 kgs of yarn which are in turn integrated with weaving, knitting, processing and garmenting units thereby contributing to efficiencies of scale in production.

Diverse product range

Company's spinning division produces various types of yarns like organic yarn (100% cotton), Blended yarn (Polyester), Bamboo, Linen, Vortex Yarn- made of 100% polyester or viscose cotton yarn of varying counts catering to the specific need of clients using the latest available technology. The weaving division produces garments for formal and casual wear while the company has a niche and established presence in technical textiles. LTM also has an exclusive division for home textiles, producing products like bed linen and other upholstery.

Geographically diversified customer base

The Loyal group has established a significant brand image in the textile export market, enabling export of its own products and trading of yarn under the 'Loyal' brand. LTM generates approximately 88-90% of its sales from exports markets, well spread over various countries in USA, Europe, Middle East and Asia. LTM has well diversified client base across various geographies and top 10 clients' account for 47% of its total sales in FY18 (43% in FY18).

²Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at www.careratings.com and other CARE publications

Benefits derived from captive source of power:

The company requires stable and optimum quantity of power for smooth functioning of its modern equipments. The company has captive windmill and solar power with a capacity of 46MW and 3.3MW respectively. LTM draws 46% of its power requirement from captive sources.

Key Rating Weaknesses
Growth in revenue however declined profitability

The company registered an increase of 13.81% in total income from operations at Rs. 1309.06 crores in FY19 compared to Rs. 1,160 crore during FY18 due to improved off take from its major customers and better realizations. Notwithstanding the improved realization of products, LTM witnessed moderation in its PBILDT margin which stood at 8.88% in FY19 compared to 9.48% in FY18 due to increase in raw material prices, mainly cotton, increase in power and fuel charges.

Moderate Capital Structure:

The overall gearing stood moderate at 2.24x as on March 31st, 2019, though it has improved from 2.68x as on March 31, 2015 owing to consistent reduction in term loans. The long term debt equity ratio improved from 1.07x as on March 31, 2018 to 0.70x as on March 31, 2019. The interest coverage ratio was 2.96x for FY19 compared to 2.75x in FY18.

Liquidity- Adequate

The company maintain raw material inventory of around 90 to 120 days and finished goods for less than 25 days. It generally, gets credit period of around 30 days. Credit period given by LTM varies up to 60 days. All export credits are backed by LCs hence the risk on receivables remains low. With respect to sales in the domestic market, LTM does on cash basis. LTM had Rs 3.14 crores of cash balance as on September 30, 2019 as against Rs.4.97 crore as on March 31, 2019. The gross cash accruals for H1FY20 was Rs. 26.95 crores, adequate to service its debt obligations. The current ratio was moderate at 0.89, owing to higher working capital borrowings.

Analytical approach:

Standalone

Applicable Criteria

[CARE's Criteria on assigning 'Outlook' and 'credit watch' to Credit Ratings](#)

[Rating Methodology-Manufacturing Companies](#)

[Rating Methodology - Short Term Instruments](#)

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About the Company

Loyal Textiles Mills Ltd (LTM) is one of the oldest vertically integrated textile mills in south India, with facilities for production of cotton yarn, knitted & woven fabrics and garments. LTM is the flagship company of the Loyal Group, founded by Late Mr. Karumuttu Thiagaraja Chettiar in the year 1956. LTM's manufacturing facilities are spread over five locations with an aggregate capacity of 1,35,456 ring spindles, 5,024 rotors, 235 knitting machines, 428 automatic looms, 1,628 sewing machines and has a capacity to produce 24,000 MT per annum of Hosiery cloth and cloth processing of 51 million metres per annum.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY18 (A)	FY19 (A)
Total operating income	1,157.86	1309.06
PBILDT	107.32	116.27
PAT	23.24	25.74
Overall gearing (times)	2.68	2.24
Interest coverage (times)	2.75	2.96

A: Audited

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: NA

Any other information: NA

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

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 - ST-EPC/PSC	-	-	-	210.00	CARE A3+
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	-	-	-	0.00	Withdrawn
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	-	-	March 2022	124.00	CARE BBB+; Stable
Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	-	-	-	62.00	CARE A3+
Fund-based - ST-PC/Bill Discounting	-	-	-	80.00	CARE A3+
Non-fund-based - ST-Letter of credit	-	-	-	80.00	CARE A3+
Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantees	-	-	-	1.00	CARE A3+

Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating history			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-2020	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-2019	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-2018	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017
1.	Fund-based - ST-EPC/PSC	ST	210.00	CARE A3+	-	1)CARE A3+ (24-Dec-18)	1)CARE A3+ (28-Dec-17)	1)CARE A3+ (04-Nov-16)
2.	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	-	-	-	1)CARE BBB+; Stable (24-Dec-18)	1)CARE BBB; Stable (28-Dec-17)	1)CARE BBB (04-Nov-16)
3.	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	124.00	CARE BBB+; Stable	-	1)CARE BBB+; Stable (24-Dec-18)	1)CARE BBB; Stable (28-Dec-17)	1)CARE BBB (04-Nov-16)
4.	Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	ST	62.00	CARE A3+	-	1)CARE A3+ (24-Dec-18)	1)CARE A3+ (28-Dec-17)	1)CARE A3+ (04-Nov-16)
5.	Fund-based - LT/ ST-CC/Packing Credit	LT/ST	-	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (28-Dec-17)	1)CARE BBB / CARE A3+ (04-Nov-16)
6.	Fund-based - ST-PC/Bill Discounting	ST	80.00	CARE A3+	-	1)CARE A3+ (24-Dec-18)	1)CARE A3+ (28-Dec-17)	1)CARE A3+ (04-Nov-16)
7.	Non-fund-based - ST-Letter of credit	ST	80.00	CARE A3+	-	1)CARE A3+ (24-Dec-18)	1)CARE A3+ (28-Dec-17)	1)CARE A3+ (04-Nov-16)

8.	Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantees	ST	1.00	CARE A3+	-	1)CARE A3+ (24-Dec-18)	1)CARE A3+ (28-Dec-17)	1)CARE A3+ (04-Nov-16)
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