

# P. P. Rolling Mills Manufacturing Company Private Limited April 03, 2019

#### **Ratings**

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action		
Long-term/ Short-term bank facilities	40.00	CARE BB+; Stable/ CARE A4+ (Double B Plus; Outlook: Stable/ A Four Plus)	Reaffirmed		
Short-term Bank Facilities	10.00	CARE A4+ (A Four Plus)	Reaffirmed		
Total	50.00 (Rupees Fifty crore only)				

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

# **Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers**

The ratings assigned to the bank facilities of P. P. Rolling Mills Manufacturing Company Private Limited (PPRM) continue to remain constraint by low profit margins at net level, working capital intensive nature of operations, exposure to risk related to volatility in raw material prices and foreign exchange rates and cyclical nature of steel industry. The ratings, however, draw strength from extensive experience of promoters, its long track record of operations, healthy order book position and improving total operating income and average financial risk profile marked by moderate gearing. Going forward, the company's ability to further improve its operational performance on back of timely delivery of orders within estimated cost while effectively managing its working capital requirements will be key rating sensitivities.

# Detailed description of the key rating drivers Key Rating Weaknesses

Working capital intensive nature of operations with modest liquidity profile: The operating cycle of the company stood at 50 days in FY18 (refers to period: April 01 to March 31) (PY: 59 days). PPRM maintained high inventory days of 101 days during FY18 (PY: 107 days) as the company offers customized products to the customers. Average creditor days stood high at 88 days in FY18 (PY: 85 days). However, the company's average working capital utilization for the trailing 12 months ended December, 2018 remained moderate.

**Exposure to foreign exchange fluctuation risk and fluctuation in raw material prices**: PPRM procures its raw materials domestically whereas a significant portion of the company's revenue is realized in foreign currency exposing it to fluctuation in exchange rates. Also, the prices of raw material of the company are volatile which exposes the profitability margins to the fluctuations in raw material prices.

**Cyclical nature of steel industry:** The steel industry is cyclical with prices driven by demand and supply conditions in the market coupled with strong linkage to the global market. The suppliers of capital goods to steel industry are directly exposed to volatility in the steel industry.

# **Key Rating Strengths**

**Experienced promoters with long track record of operations**: The promoter family which controls PPRM has an experience of more than 6 decades in the manufacturing of engineered goods. The company is currently managed by Mr Pankaj Khanna and Mr. Praneet Khanna, each having an experience of more than 15 years. The company is expected to continue benefiting from the vast experience of the promoters which has also helped in establishing relations with the customers resulting in repetitive sales from them.

Healthy order book position with diversified customer base: PPRM has a diversified customer base in the Indian subcontinent as well as in Middle East Asia and North Africa. The company had a healthy order book of Rs. 202.62 cr as on February 01, 2019 (1.42x of the total sales in FY18), to be executed over the next one year (As on March 22, 2018 order book was of Rs 204.47 crore).

Improving total operating income albeit low PAT margin: During FY18, PPRM's total operating income increased by 9.60% on account of the execution of orders in time and improved domestic market scenario. However, due to increase in raw material prices and employee cost, the PBILDT margin deteriorated to 6.80% in FY18 (PY: 9.36%). PAT remained low at Rs 0.55 crore in FY18 (PY: Rs 2.50 crore). The company further reported a total operating income of Rs. 138.28 cr and PBILDT of Rs. 8.12 cr during 10MFY18 (refers to the period April 1 to January 31).

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

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**Moderate financial risk profile**: The overall gearing improved on account repayment of term loans and stood at 1.39x as on March 31, 2018 (PY: 2.05x). The debt servicing indicators marked by total debt to GCA and interest coverage ratio also improved to 3.79x and 2.84x respectively during FY18 (PY: 4.26x and 2.71x respectively) due to decrease in term debt.

Analytical approach: Standalone

## **Applicable Criteria**

Criteria on assigning Outlook to Credit Ratings
CARE's Policy on Default Recognition
Criteria for Short Term Instruments
Rating Methodology-Manufacturing Companies
Financial ratios - Non-Financial Sector
Rating Methodology-Steel Companies

# About the company

PPRM was established in 1985 by Mr Prem Khanna and his son Mr Pankaj Khanna as a partnership firm in the name of P.P. Engineering Works, for manufacturing and erection of steel rolling mills. In 1998, the firm was converted into a private limited company and named as P. P. Rolling Mills Manufacturing Co. Pvt. Ltd. PPRM is engaged in undertaking manufacturing of equipment for rolling and wire rod mills and erection and commissioning of the same with its manufacturing facilities located at Faridabad.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY17 (A)	FY18 (A)
Total operating income	129.63	142.06
PBILDT	12.13	9.66
PAT	2.50	0.55
Overall gearing (times)	2.05	1.39
Interest coverage (times)	2.71	2.84

A: Audited

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating History (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 - ST-EPC/PSC	-	-	-	10.00	CARE A4+
Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-	-	-	-	40.00	CARE BB+; Stable /
BG/LC					CARE A4+

# Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr.	Name of the	Current Ratings			Rating history			
No.	Instrument/Bank Facilities	Туре	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-2019	_	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017	_
	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	-	-	1)Withdrawn (05-Apr-18)	-	1)CARE BB+; Stable	1)CARE BB+ (18-Dec-15) 2)Suspended (06-Apr-15)
	Fund-based - ST- EPC/PSC	ST	10.00	CARE A4+	1)CARE A4+ (05-Apr-18)		, (01-Mar-	1)CARE A4+ (18-Dec-15) 2)Suspended (06-Apr-15)
	Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-BG/LC	LT/ST		BB+; Stable /	1)CARE BB+; Stable / CARE A4+ (05-Apr-18)		BB+; Stable / CARE A4+	1)CARE BB+ / CARE A4+ (18-Dec-15) 2)Suspended (06-Apr-15)



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