

# **APRIL 13, 2015**

# CARE REAFFIRMS THE RATINGS ASSIGNED TO THE BANK FACILITIES OF PINK CITY EXPRESSWAY PVT. LTD

#### **Ratings**

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings <sup>1</sup>	Remarks
Long term Bank Facilities	1,965.97	CARE BB+ (Double B Plus)	Reaffirmed
Total Facilities	1,965.97		

### **Rating Rationale**

The rating of Pink City Expressway Pvt. Ltd (PCEPL) continues to be constrained by delays in the project completion primarily on account of land acquisition issues and weak financial risk profile of the sponsors. The rating continues to draw strength from strategic location of the stretch and steady toll collection from the existing operations. Furthermore, the rating also factors in the advanced stage of construction of the project.

Going forward timely completion of the project without any further time or cost overrun, timely infusion of the required funds by the promoters and the ability of PCEPL to achieve envisaged traffic growth shall be the key rating sensitivities.

#### **Background**

PCEPL is a special purpose vehicle (SPV) floated by the ETA group of Dubai and the KMC Group of Hyderabad to undertake the improvement, operation and maintenance including strengthening and widening of the existing four-lane road to six-lane highway with service lane on either side from 42.7 km to 273 km (length 225.6 km) of NH-8 (Gurgaon-Kotputli-Jaipur Section) in the states of Haryana and Rajasthan on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) toll basis. IKSHU Infrastructure Pvt Ltd was inducted in FY13 (refers to the period April 1 to March 31) and holds 26% stake, while the ETA group and the KMC group hold 38% and 36% respectively as on March 31, 2014.

Till December 31, 2014, PCEPL has spent Rs.2,998 crore on the project financed by bank loans of Rs.1,658 crore, Rs.666 crore through equity, Rs.674 crore from internal accruals (toll collection).

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# **Brief Rationale**



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