

R And T Business Syndicate

June 16, 2020

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ²	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	1.50	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Single B Minus; Outlook: Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Issuer Not Cooperating; Revised from CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING on the basis of best available information
Short Term Bank Facilities	3.50	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (A Four; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Issuer Not Cooperating; Based on best available information
Total Facilities	5.00 (Rupees Five Crore Only)		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

CARE had, vide its press release dated May 06, 2019, placed the rating(s) of R And T Business Syndicate (RTBS) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as R And T Business Syndicate had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating. R And T Business Syndicate continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter dated May 26, 2020. In line with the extant SEBI guidelines, CARE has reviewed the rating on the basis of the best available information which however, in CARE's opinion is not sufficient to arrive at a fair rating.

Users of this rating (including investors, lenders and the public at large) are hence requested to exercise caution while using the above rating.

The revision in rating factors in non-cooperation by RTBS and CARE's efforts to undertake a review of the ratings outstanding. CARE views information availability risk as a key factor in its assessment of credit risk.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

At the time of last rating on May 06, 2019 the following were the rating strengths and weaknesses:

Key rating Weakness

Small scale of operations: The total operating income has improved by 16.87% y-o-y and stood at Rs.1.94 crore in FY18 (vis-a-vis Rs.1.66 crore in FY17) on account of receiving higher orders from existing customers. Further networth base and cash accrual of the firm has remained low at Rs.0.78 crore and Rs.0.08 crore respectively as on March 31, 2018. Small scale of operation coupled with low capitalization base restricts the firm's financial flexibility in the times of stress and deprives it from scale benefits.

Working capital intensive nature of operations with moderate liquidity position: The operations of the firm remained working capital intensive in nature being major of the funds are blocked in receivables and inventory. Further the operating cycle has been elongated from 94 days in FY17 to 115 days in FY18 on account of increase in inventory period. its liquidity position remained moderate marked by comfortable current ratio of 1.96x times and quick ratio of 1.07x times as on March 31, 2018. Furthermore, cash flow from operating activities remained positive in FY18. Going forward, the ability of the company to manage its working capital requirements is critical from the credit risk perspective.

Susceptibility of profitability margins to volatile prices of traded goods: The profitability of the entity remained low since FY16 being first year of operation and remained thin owing to trading nature of operations. RTBS procures tradable goods from the open market which exposes it to the fluctuation in key raw material prices.

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

*Issuer did not cooperate; Based on best available information

Foreign exchange fluctuation risk: The entity imports its tradable goods from China based firms and entity hedges the risk by taking forward contract; however, considering current volatility in foreign exchange rates, managing the foreign exchange fluctuation risk would be critical from the credit perspective.

Presence in competitive and fragmented industry: Trading industry is a highly fragmented industry and there are large numbers of organized and unorganized players which has led to high competition in the industry. Also, on account of its trading nature of business, the entry barriers are low leading to stiff competition for the company. However, risk is partially mitigated as RTBS has established relations with the customers and have been dealing with the same since inception.

Key Rating Strengths:

Experienced promoter and established presence in industry: The promoters of RTBS have experience over two decades in the electronic products industry and also look after the overall operations. The promoters have infused funds to meet working capital requirement.

Comfortable capital structure and debt protection metrics: The capital structure and debt coverage indicators of the firm continues to remains at comfortable during last three financial years ended as on March 31, 2018 owing to low dependence on external borrowings. However during FY18 it has marginally deteriorated and stood at 0.23x times and 2.30x times respectively owing to higher utilization of working capital limits.

Analytical approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria

[Policy in respect of Non-cooperation by issuer](#)

[Criteria on assigning Outlook to Credit Ratings](#)

[CARE's Policy on default recognition](#)

[Rating Methodology - Wholesale Trading](#)

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About the Company

Established in 2015, R & T Business Syndicate (RTBS) is engaged in trading of LED Lights, Base Paper and Glass. The company's main promoter Mr Rajeshkumar Gothi has around 20 years of experience and Mr Trilokkumar Gothi has done MBA (Marketing) and has around 8 years of experience. The major customers of RTBS are into manufacturing of Laminates. The company imports its tradable goods from China.

Brief Financials* (Rs. crore)	FY17 (A)	FY18 (A)
Total operating income	1.66	1.94
PBILDT	0.12	0.12
PAT	0.04	0.08
Overall gearing (times)	0.00	0.23
Interest coverage (times)	1.52	2.78

A: Audited;

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

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 - LT-Cash Credit	-	-	-	1.50	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* Issuer not cooperating; Revised from CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* on the basis of best available information
Non-fund-based - ST-Letter of credit	-	-	-	3.50	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* Issuer not cooperating; Based on best available information

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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 2020-2021	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-2020	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-2019	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-2018
1.	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	1.50	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING* Issuer not cooperating; Revised from CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING* on the basis of best available information	-	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING* (06-May-19)	-	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING* (14-Mar-18) 2)CARE B; Stable (05-Apr-17)
2.	Non-fund-based - ST-Letter of credit	ST	3.50	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING* Issuer not cooperating; Based on best available information	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING* (06-May-19)	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING* (14-Mar-18) 2)CARE A4 (05-Apr-17)

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Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instrument / facilities- NA

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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