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CARE REVOKES SUSPENSION AND REAFFIRMS THE RATING ASSIGNED TO THE BANK FACILITIES OF SAKSOFT LIMITED

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Remarks
Long-term Bank Facilities	22 [Enhanced from Rs.20 crore]	CARE BBB (Triple B)	Suspension Revoked and Rating Reaffirmed.
Short-term Bank Facilities	20 [Enhanced from Rs.5 crore]	CARE A3 (A Three)	Suspension Revoked and Rating Reaffirmed.
Total Facilities	42 (Ruppes Forty Two crore only)		

Rating Rationale

The ratings assigned to the bank facilities of Saksoft Limited (Saksoft) derive strength from the company's long operational track record with consistently increasing scale of operations, vast industrial experience of promoters, reputed client base, support from the group companies which have funded acquisitions in the past thereby resulting in comfortable capital structure. The ratings are, however, constrained by the customer and geographical concentration risk, relatively low operating margins and its presence in the highly fragmented IT industry with stiff competition from the domestic and international players.

The ability of Saksoft to successfully integrate and derive synergies from its acquired companies, increase business volumes from existing clients as well as diversify its client base, improve its profitability margins from present levels are the key rating sensitivities.

CARE continues to take a consolidated view of Saksoft and its subsidiaries, considering the strong operational and financial linkages. All the companies are engaged in similar line of business under a common management.

Background

Established in 1999 by Mr. Autar Krishna and his son Mr. Aditya Krishna, Saksoft is engaged in providing business intelligence and information management solutions predominantly to mid-tier companies based out of USA and UK. Saksoft initially catered to the BFSI segment before diversifying to ecommerce, manufacturing, public sector and education verticals. Over the years, Saksoft has grown both organically and inorganically by acquiring various companies in complementary line of business expanding its product offerings. The company now offers associated services like application development, testing & quality control and cloud based solutions along with Information Management (IM) and Business Intelligence (BI) solutions. As on March 31, 2015, Saksoft had 6 subsidiaries (5 wholly-owned subsidiaries and one where the company holds 51% stake) and 4 step-down subsidiaries across geographies like US, UK, Germany, France and Singapore. Saksoft is a public limited company listed on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

During FY15, the company reported a net profit of Rs. 17.37 crores on a total operating income of Rs. 232.54 crore as against net profit of Rs. 14.95 crore on a total operating income of Rs. 225.18 crore in FY14.

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