

Super Iron Foundry
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Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	12.00	CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Double B Minus; Outlook: Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Issuer Not Cooperating; Revised from CARE BB+; Stable(Double B Plus; Outlook: Stable) on the basis of best available information
Short Term Bank Facilities	8.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (A Four: ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Issuer Not Cooperating; Revised from CARE A4+(A Four Plus) on the basis of best available information
Total	20.00 (Rs. Twenty crore Only)		

**Details in annexure -1*

Detailed Rationale & key rating drivers

CARE had, vide its Press release dated January 04, 2019, placed the ratings of Super Iron Foundry (SIF) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as SIF had failed to provide the information and has not paid the surveillance fees for the rating exercise as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. SIF continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and emails dated March 03, 2020 March 06, 2020 March 16, 2020 and March 18, 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(s).

The ratings have been revised on account of lack of adequate information regarding firm's performance coupled with uncertainty around its credit risk profile.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

At the time of last rating on January 04, 2019 the following were the rating strengths and weaknesses:

Key Rating Weaknesses**Experienced Promoters:**

The SIF group is looked after by Mr. Abhishek Saklecha (aged 37 years) and his younger brother Mr. Akhilesh Saklecha (aged 34 years). Both the brothers have around 15 years of business experience and looks after the day to day operation along with the support from a team of experienced professional.

Stable profitability parameters during FY15 to FY17 & H1FY18, despite volatile turnover:

The operating income of the group increased from Rs.71.17 crore in FY15 to Rs.83.32 crore in FY16 followed by substantial decline to Rs.62.06 crore in FY17 mainly due slowdown of its business in Saudi Arabia from where SIF group was driving around 47% of total revenue during FY16. PBILDT margin slightly deteriorated from 9.18% in FY15 to 8.35% in FY16 mainly due to higher overhead expenses. However, PBILDT margin improved to 10.59% in FY17 mainly due to saving in operational cost involved in sales to Saudi Arabia. Interest coverage ratio improved to 3.19x in FY16 as against 2.65x in FY15. But, moderated to 2.60x in FY17. However it continued to remain satisfactory. The firm reported GCA of Rs.3.69 crore as against term debt repayment of Rs.1.32 crore in FY17. Operating cycle deteriorated significantly from 159 days in FY15 to 250 days in FY17 mainly due to increase in debtor collection period (from 127 days in FY15 to 192 days in FY17). Current ratio also deteriorated from 1.05x in FY15 to 0.94x in FY17. In 7MFY18, SIF group have reported combined PBT of Rs.2.40 on combined total operating income of Rs.39.57 crore.

Comfortable financial risk profile:

¹Complete 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

The capital structure of the firm remained comfortable as on Mar 2017. Overall gearing improved from 2.47x in FY15 to 0.84x in FY17 mainly due to considering unsecured loan of Rs.29.36 infused by the promoters and associate companies as quasi equity coupled with accretion of profit and gradual repayment of term debt. The Total debt/ GCA was satisfactory at 9.84x in FY17 as against 10.58x in FY15.

Imposition of anti-dumping on import on competitive country:

SIF has been positively impacted by imposition of anti-dumping duty on Chinese foundry products by Europe. This apart, China has also launched a “Clean Environment Policy” due to which majority of the foundries are being shut by the government on account of pollution norms. Such changes in regulatory framework and global demand and supply position have helped SIF to cater to demand of customers which was earlier met from China.

Key Rating Weaknesses

Small scale of operations:

SIF group is a relatively small player in the manufacturing of cast iron and ductile iron. The small size deprives it from the benefits of economies of scale and restricts the financial flexibility of the group in times of stress.

Profitability susceptible to volatility in raw material prices:

The major raw-material required for the manufacturing of ductile casting is pig iron, steel scrap, ferro silico manganese and foundry returns the prices of which are highly volatile in nature due to commodity nature of product.

Risk of capital withdrawal due to partnership nature of legal entity in case of SIF:

SIF's legal status as a partnership firm exposes it to the risk of withdrawal of capital by the partners. The partners have withdrawn capital of Rs.0.16 lakh in FY17.

Working capital intensive nature of business:

SIF's operation is working capital intensive in nature as it has a policy to maintain high level of inventory for smooth manufacturing operation and need to provide high credit period to its customers in view of intense competition in the industry.

Cyclical associated with the steel industry:

The steel industry is sensitive to the shifting business cycles, including changes in the general economy, interest rates and seasonal changes in the demand and supply conditions in the market. Apart from the demand side fluctuations, the highly capital intensive nature of steel projects along-with the inordinate delays in the completion impact the responsiveness of supply side to demand movements. This results in several steel projects bunching-up and coming on stream simultaneously leading to demand supply mismatch. Furthermore, the producers of steel & related products are essentially price-takers in the market, which directly expose their cash flows and profitability to volatility of the steel industry.

Analytical approach: Combined

For arriving at the ratings, CARE has considered the consolidated financials of SIF and SIFPL as both the entities are engaged in similar line of business and have common promoters.

Applicable Criteria

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

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

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[Rating Methodology - Manufacturing Companies](#)

[Financial ratios – Non-Financial Sector](#)

[Criteria for Short term Instruments](#)

[Rating Methodology: Factoring Linkages in Ratings](#)

About the Firm

SIF was incorporated as a partnership firm in 1977 by Saklecha family of Kolkata to manufacture cast iron with an installed capacity of 8,000 MTPA. The firm is engaged in manufacturing of cast iron products including Manhole frame & covers, Valve boxes, Water meter boxes & their adapter rings, surface boxes, catch basin

and their grates etc. SIF, for over a period of 40 years, caters to the municipal, water works, automobile and other industries. SIF's products have wide acceptance worldwide in more than 32 countries including the USA, Canada, the UK, Australia, Germany, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Finland, Poland, the Czech Republic, the UAE, Oman and Saudi Arabia. It is a Star Export House recognized by the Govt. of India and is a 100% EOU.

Super Iron Foundry Private Limited (SIFPL), another company of the group was incorporated in July 15, 1988 to manufacture ductile iron casting for municipal, water work and automobile segment. However it commenced operation from April 2013. With the manufacturing facility of 10,080 MTPA, located in West Bengal, SIFPL have been able to export 100% of its product to countries in Europe and Middle East.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY16 (A)	FY17 (A)
Total operating income	83.32	62.06
PBILDT	6.96	6.58
PAT	0.58	0.46
Overall gearing (times)	2.49	0.84
Interest coverage (times)	3.19	2.60

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-Packing Credit in Foreign Currency	-	-	-	12.00	CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* Issuer not cooperating; Revised from CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* on the basis of best available information
Fund-based - ST-Post Shipment Credit	-	-	-	8.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* Issuer not cooperating; Revised from CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* on the basis of 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 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 - LT-Packing Credit in Foreign Currency	LT	12.00	CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* Issuer not cooperating; Revised from CARE BB+; Stable;	-	1)CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (04-Jan-19)	1)CARE BB+; Stable (13-Dec-17)	-

				ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* on the basis of best available information				
2.	Fund-based - ST-Post Shipment Credit	ST	8.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* Issuer not cooperating; Revised from CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* on the basis of best available information	-	1)CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (04-Jan-19)	1)CARE A4+ (13-Dec-17)	-

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