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CARE ASSIGNS 'CARE BBB-' AND 'CARE A3' RATINGS TO THE BANK FACILITIES OF ZONAC KNITTING MACHINES PRIVATE LIMITED

Ratings

Facilities	Amount	Rating ¹	Remarks
	(Rs crore)		
Long-term Bank Facilities	20.37	CARE BBB-	Assigned
		(Triple B Minus)	
Long-term/ Short-term Bank	2	CARE BBB-/ CARE A3	Assigned
Facilities		(Triple B Minus/A Three)	
Total Facilities	22.37		

Rating Rationale

The ratings assigned to the bank facilities of Zonac Knitting Machines Private Limited (ZKM) primarily derive strength from the experienced management, long track record of operations, strong brand presence and well established marketing and distribution network. The ratings further draw comfort from the moderate financial risk profile characterized by the growing scale of operations, moderate level of profitability margins, capital structure and coverage indicators.

The ratings, however, remain constrained by its modest scale of operations, the long operating cycle, exposure to raw material price volatility and high level of competition.

Going forward, the ability of the company to increase the scale of operations in a highly competitive industry managing its working capital requirements to support its operations, and maintaining its favorable capital structure are the key rating sensitivities.

Background

Zonac Knitting Machines Private Limited (ZKM) incorporated in 1988 and is currently being managed by Mr Raj Kumar Jain and Mr Sanjay Jain. ZKM is engaged in the manufacturing of hosiery garments i.e. socks, stockings, etc. at its manufacturing facility located at Greater Noida. The main raw materials include different yarns and fabrics which are directly procured from the manufacturers located in Delhi, Maharashtra, Punjab, etc.

ZKM sells the products under its own brands i.e. 'Bonjour', 'Bongio' and 'Vami' mainly in the domestic market and also exports the same. ZKM markets and sells its products through its own distributors, tie ups with retail chains like Reliance, Max, Bata, etc as well as eight exclusive brand outlets (EBO's) under its group concern, Bonjour Retail. The company also manufactures for big retail chain for their private labels.

Besides ZKM, the group consists of Sogo Fashions Private Limited (SFP) engaged in the manufacturing of garments and yarn coupled with Bonjour Retail, a partnership firm engaged in retail trading of hosiery goods.

For FY13 (refers to the period April 1 to March 31), ZKM achieved a total operating income of Rs. 47.60 crore with PBILDT and PAT of Rs.9.88 crore and Rs.3.76 crore, respectively. Based on the provisional results, in 11MFY14 (refers to the period April 1 to February 28), the company achieved a total operating income of Rs.60 crore.

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





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