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Date: September 27, 2019

Mr. Mahesh Kumar Mittal

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Dear Sir,

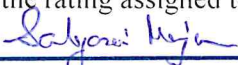
Re: ICRA Credit Rating for the Rs. 2,500.00 crore Bond Programme of NHPC Limited

Please refer to the Rating Agreement dated September 20, 2019 for carrying out the rating of the aforesaid Bond Programme. The Rating Committee of ICRA, after due consideration, has assigned a [ICRA] AAA (pronounced as ICRA triple A) rating to the captioned Bond Programme. Instruments with this rating indicate highest degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such instruments carry the lowest risk. The Outlook on the long-term rating is Stable.

In any of your publicity material or other document wherever you are using our above rating, it should be stated as [ICRA] AAA(stable). We would request if you can sign the acknowledgement and send it to us latest by October 07, 2019 as acceptance on the assigned rating. In case you do not communicate your acceptance/non acceptance of the assigned credit rating, or do not appeal against the assigned credit rating by the aforesaid date, the credit rating will be treated by us as non accepted and shall be disclosed on ICRA's website accordingly. This is in accordance with requirements prescribed in the circular dated June 30, 2017 on 'Monitoring and Review of Ratings by Credit Rating Agencies(CRAs)' issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

Any intimation by you about the above rating to any Banker/Lending Agency/Government Authorities/Stock Exchange would constitute use of this rating by you and shall be deemed acceptance of the rating.

This rating is specific to the terms and conditions of the proposed issue as was indicated to us by you and any change in the terms or size of the issue would require the rating to be reviewed by us. If there is any change in the terms and conditions or size of the instrument rated, as above, the same must be brought to our notice before the issue of the instrument. If there is any such change after the rating is assigned by us and accepted by you, it would be subject to our review and may result in change in the rating assigned. ICRA reserves the right to review and/or, revise the above at any time on the basis of new information or unavailability of information or such other circumstances, which ICRA believes, may have an impact on the rating assigned to you.





The rating, as aforesaid, however, should not be treated as a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the bonds, debentures and/ or other instruments of like nature to be issued by you.

As mentioned above and in accordance with the aforesaid circular issued by SEBI, you are requested to furnish a monthly 'No Default Statement (NDS)' (in the format enclosed) on the first working day of every month, confirming the timeliness of payment of all obligations against the rated debt programme.

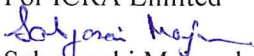
You are also requested to forthwith inform us about any default or delay in repayment of interest or principal amount of the instrument rated, as above, or any other debt instruments/ borrowing and keep us informed of any other developments which may have a direct or indirect impact on the debt servicing capability of the company including any proposal for re-schedulement or postponement of the repayment programmes of the dues/ debts of the company with any lender(s) / investor(s). Further, you are requested to inform us immediately as and when the borrowing limit for the instrument rated, as above, or as prescribed by the regulatory authority(ies) is exceeded.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the rationale of the assigned rating for your reference. Please respond with your comments if any within the aforesaid timeline of October 07, 2019.

We thank you for your kind cooperation extended during the course of the rating exercise. Should you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.


We look forward to your communication and assure you of our best services.

With kind regards,

For ICRA Limited

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