

No. CARE/DRO/RL/2019-20/
Mr. Mahesh Kumar Mittal
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February 05, 2020

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Dear Sir,

Credit rating for proposed long term bonds (AA Series)

Please refer to your request for rating of proposed long-term bond programme aggregating to Rs. 2,000 crore of your company. The proposed bonds would have door-to-door tenure of 10 years and repayable in five equal tranches at the end of 6th year, 7th year, 8th year, 9th year and 10th year respectively.

2. The following ratings have been assigned by our Rating Committee:

Instrument	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long term instruments – Proposed bonds (AA Series)	2,000 (Rs. Two thousand crore only)	CARE AAA; Stable (Triple A; Outlook Stable)	Assigned

- Please arrange to get the rating revalidated, in case the proposed issue is not made within a period of six months from the date of our initial communication of rating to you (that is February 05, 2020).
- In case there is any change in the size or terms of the proposed issue, please get the rating revalidated.
- Please inform us the below-mentioned details of issue immediately, but not later than 7 days from the date of placing the instrument:

Instrument type	ISIN	Issue Size (Rs cr.)	Coupon Rate	Coupon Payment Dates	Terms of Redemption	Redemption date	Name and contact details of Debenture Trustee	Details of top 10 investors

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

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6. Kindly arrange to submit to us a copy of each of the documents pertaining to the Bonds issue, including the offer document and the trust deed.
7. The rationale for the rating will be communicated to you separately. A write-up (press release) on the above rating is proposed to be issued to the press shortly, a draft of which is enclosed for your perusal as Annexure. We request you to peruse the annexed document and offer your comments if any. We are doing this as a matter of courtesy to our clients and with a view to ensure that no factual inaccuracies have inadvertently crept in. Kindly revert as early as possible. In any case, if we do not hear from you by February 6, 2020, we will proceed on the basis that you have no any comments to offer.
8. CARE reserves the right to undertake a surveillance/review of the rating from time to time, based on circumstances warranting such review, subject to at least one such review/surveillance every year.
9. CARE reserves the right to revise/reaffirm/withdraw the rating assigned as also revise the outlook, as a result of periodic review/surveillance, based on any event or information which in the opinion of CARE warrants such an action. In the event of failure on the part of the entity to furnish such information, material or clarifications as may be required by CARE so as to enable it to carry out continuous monitoring of the rating of the debt instrument, CARE shall carry out the review on the basis of best available information throughout the life time of such instrument. In such cases the credit rating symbol shall be accompanied by "ISSUER NOT COOPERATING". CARE shall also be entitled to publicize/disseminate all the afore-mentioned rating actions in any manner considered appropriate by it, without reference to you.
10. Our ratings do not factor in any rating related trigger clauses as per the terms of the facility/instrument, which may involve acceleration of payments in case of rating downgrades. However, if any such clauses are introduced and if triggered, the ratings may see volatility and sharp downgrades.
11. Users of this rating may kindly refer our website www.careratings.com for latest update on the outstanding rating.

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12. CARE ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold any securities.

If you need any clarification, you are welcome to approach us in this regard. We are indeed, grateful to you for entrusting this assignment to CARE.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


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