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September 27, 2013

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Dear Sir,

Credit rating for proposed tax free bond issue of Rs.1,000cr

Please refer to your request for rating of proposed tax free bond issue aggregating to Rs.1,000cr of your company.

2. Our Rating Committee has assigned a '**CARE AAA**' [**Triple A**] rating to the aforesaid bond issue. Instruments with this rating are considered to have the highest degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such instruments carry lowest credit risk. Our rating symbols for various medium and long term instruments (including bonds) are annexed. The rationale for the rating will be communicated to you separately.
3. 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 September 27, 2013).
4. In case there is any change in the size or terms of the proposed issue, please get the rating revalidated.
5. Please inform us the details of issue [date of issue, name of investor, amount issued, interest-rate, date of payment of interest, date and amount of repayment etc.] as soon as the bonds have been placed.
6. Kindly arrange to submit to us a copy of each of the documents pertaining to the bond issue, including the offer document and the trust deed.

7. 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.
8. CARE reserves the right to suspend/withdraw/revise the rating assigned on the basis of new information or in the event of failure on the part of the company to furnish such information, material or clarifications as may be required by CARE. CARE shall also be entitled to publicize/disseminate such suspension/withdrawal/revision in the assigned rating in any manner considered appropriate by it, without reference to you.
9. Users of this rating may kindly refer our website www.careratings.com for latest update on the outstanding rating.
10. 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.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

A blue ink signature of Sudhir Kumar, written in a cursive style.

[Sudhir Kumar]
Asst. General Manager

A blue ink signature of Ajay Dhaka, written in a cursive style.

[Ajay Dhaka]
Manager

Encl : As above

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Annexure

A. Rating Symbols and Definitions for Long /Medium Term Debt Instruments

Symbols	Rating Definition
CARE AAA	Instruments with this rating are considered to have the highest degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such instruments carry lowest credit risk.
CARE AA	Instruments with this rating are considered to have high degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such instruments carry very low credit risk.
CARE A	Instruments with this rating are considered to have adequate degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such instruments carry low credit risk.
CARE BBB	Instruments with this rating are considered to have moderate degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such instruments carry moderate credit risk.
CARE BB	Instruments with this rating are considered to have moderate risk of default regarding timely servicing of financial obligations.
CARE B	Instruments with this rating are considered to have high risk of default regarding timely servicing of financial obligations.
CARE C	Instruments with this rating are considered to have very high risk of default regarding timely servicing of financial obligations.
CARE D	Instruments with this rating are in default or are expected to be in default soon.

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