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GS Auto International Ltd

July 29, 2024

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*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information

Details of Facilities/Instruments are in Annexure 1.

Facility wise lender details are at Annexure 2.

Detailed explanation of covenants is at Annexure 3.

Detailed Rationale

The re-affirmation of the ratings is because of lack of adequate information regarding GS Auto International Limited performance and hence the uncertainty around its credit risk. Infomerics assesses whether the information available about the entity is commensurate with its ratings and reviews the same as per its policy. The outlook remains negative due to information availability risk. The lenders, investors and other market participants are thus advised to exercise appropriate caution while using these ratings as the ratings may not adequately reflect the credit risk profile of the company.

Non-cooperation by Issuer

Infomerics has been regularly following up with the company to provide the required data & NDS to monitor its assigned rating to the bank facilities, vide mail communications dated June 24, 2024, July 08, 2024, July 16, 2024, and concurrently over several phone calls. However, despite repeated requests by Infomerics, the company's management has not submitted surveillance fees and all the essential details required for detailed review of the assigned ratings.



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The rating revision is because of lack of adequate information regarding GS Auto International Limited performance and hence the uncertainty around its credit risk. Infomerics assesses whether the information available about the entity is commensurate with its rating and reviews the same as per its policy.

Availability of information is very critical in rating exercise. In the absence of the requisite information, in consonance with SEBI guidelines, Infomerics has to assign the rating based on the best available information. Accordingly, the Long/Short term ratings for the bank loan facilities of GS Auto International Limited aggregating to Rs. 37.75 crore shall be continued in the 'ISSUER NOT COOPERATING' category by Infomerics and the rating be noted as IVR C/Issuer Not Co-operating/ Negative Outlook & A4/ Issuer Not Co-operating; Based on best available information.

Analytical Approach & Applicable Criteria

Standalone Rating Methodology for Manufacturing Company Financial Ratios & Interpretation – (Non-financial Sector) Guidelines on what constitutes Non-Cooperation by clients Criteria for assigning rating outlook Policy on Default recognition Complexity level of rated instruments/Facilities

About the company

GS Auto International Limited (GSAIL) was initially set up as a proprietorship concern by Mr. Gurmukh Singh in the year 1938. Later in 1973, the firm was reconstituted as a Private Limited Company and named "Gurmukh Singh & Sons Pvt Ltd". Subsequently in 1983, the firm was reconstituted as a Public Limited Company and named "GS Auto International Limited". The company manufactures automotive suspension and fastening components for utility vehicles, commercial vehicles, multi axle vehicles, trailers and special purpose vehicles. It has two manufacturing units located at Ludhiana and Jamshedpur.



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Financials (standalone):

		(Rs. crore)
For the Year Ended/As on	31-03-2020	31-03-2021
	(Audited)	(Audited)
Total Operating Income	77.26	100.13
EBITDA	1.80	7.07
РАТ	-3.78	-3.12
Total Debt	34.58	36.77
Tangible Net Worth	27.04	24.14
EBITDA Margin (%)	2.32	7.06
PAT Margin(%)	-4.89	-3.11
Overall Gearing Ratio (x)	1.27x	1.52x
Interest Coverage Ratio (x)	1.34x	2.22x

*Classification as per Infomerics' standards

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Brickwork ratings continued the rating to ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category vide its press release dated on March 21, 2024 due to unavailability of information.

Any other information: Nil

Rating Hist	tory for last	three years:
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Sr.	Name of	Current Rating (Year 2024-25)			Rating History for the past 3 years			
No.	Instrument/Facilities	Туре	Amount outstanding (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2023- 24 Dated : June 07, 2023	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2022-23 Dated : Feb 27, 2023	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2021-22 Dated : Dec 27, 2021	
1	Fund Based Limits – Cash Credit	Long Term	32.25	IVR C/INC Negative outlook (IVR Single C with Negative Outlook	IVR C/INC Negative outlook (IVR Single C with Negative Outlook /(ISSUER	IVR B-/INC Negative outlook (IVR Single B Minus with Negative	IVR B/INC (IVR Single B /(ISSUER NOT CO- OPERATING)	



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2.	Non-Fund Based Limits – BG/LC	Short Term	5.50	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT CO- OPERATING (Pronounced as IVR A Four; ISSUER NOT CO- OPERATING)	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT CO- OPERATING (Pronounced as IVR A Four; ISSUER NOT CO- OPERATING)	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT CO- OPERATING (Pronounced as IVR A Four; ISSUER NOT CO- OPERATING)	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT CO- OPERATING (Pronounced as IVR A Four; ISSUER NOT CO- OPERATING)	

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: Infomerics has classified instruments rated by it

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Annexure 1: Details of Facilities									
Name of Facility	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility	Rating Assigned/ Outlook				
				(Rs. Crore)					
Long Term Bank	-	-	-		IVR C/INC Negative				
Facilities – Cash					outlook (IVR Single C				
Credit				32.25	with Negative Outlook				
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Short Term Bank	-	-	-		IVR A4; ISSUER NOT				
Facilities – Bank					CO-OPERATING				
Guarantee/letter of				5.50	(Pronounced as IVR A				
Credit					Four; ISSUER NOT				
					CO-OPERATING)				

Annexure 1: Details of Facilities

Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details:

https://www.infomerics.com/admin/prfiles/len-GSAuto-july24.pdf

Annexure 3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated Security/facilities: Not Applicable Annexure

Annexure 4 : List of companies considered for consolidated/Combined analysis: Not Applicable

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