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Leade Liquor Manufacturing Private Limited September 13, 2024

Ratings

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Instrument / Facility	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Current Ratings*	Previous Ratings	Rating Action	Complexity Indicator	
Long-Term Bank Facilities	3.60	IVR BB+; Negative, ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (IVR Double B Plus with Negative Outlook, ISSUER NOT COOPERATING)	IVR BBB-/Stable (IVR Triple B Minus with Stable Outlook)	Downgraded with negative outlook and moved to Issuer Not Cooperating category	Simple	
Total	3.60 (INR Three crore and sixty lakhs only)		8			

^{*}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

For arriving at the rating, Infomerics has combined the business and financial risk profile of Leade Liquor Manufacturing Private Limited (LLMPL), Oaken Gold Bottling Private Limited (OGBPL) and Aroma India Private Limited (AIPL) commonly referred as Aroma group hereafter since these three entities are engaged in similar line of business, run under a common promoter and have operational and financial linkages.

The downgrade in the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of LLMPL is because of nonsubmission of adequate information regarding Aroma group's 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. 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 this rating as the rating may not adequately reflect the credit risk profile of the entity.

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Non-cooperation by Issuer

Infomerics Ratings has been regularly following up with the entity to provide the monthly no default statement to monitor its assigned rating to the bank facilities, vide E-mail communications dated July 01, 2024, July 16, 2024, August 07, 2024, and August 19, 2024, and concurrently over several phone calls. However, despite repeated requests by Infomerics, the entity's management has not yet submitted all the essential details required for detailed review of the assigned ratings.

Availability of information is very critical in rating exercise. In the absence of the requisite information, in consonance with SEBI guidelines, Infomerics Ratings has to assign the rating based on the best available information.

Analytical Approach & Applicable Criteria: Combined

For arriving at the rating, Infomerics Ratings has combined the business and financial risk profile LLMPL, OGBPL and AIPL commonly referred as Aroma group hereafter since these three entities are engaged in similar line of business, run under a common promoter and have operational and financial linkages. Furthermore, all three companies have tie-up manufacturing agreement with Pernod Ricard India Pvt Ltd– popularly known as Seagram's and engaged in manufacturing, bottling and distribution of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) on job work basis for Pernod Ricard. The list of companies considered for consolidation are given in **Annexure 4**

Guidelines on what constitutes Non-Cooperation by clients

Rating Methodology for Manufacturing Companies

Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Non-Financial Sector)

Criteria of assigning rating outlook

Policy on default recognition

Criteria on complexity

Consolidation of Companies

Liquidity: Unable to comment due to lack of adequate information.



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About the Group

Leade Liquor Manufacturing Limited, Oaken Gold Bottling Private Limited and Aroma India Private limited, all three companies have tie-up manufacturing agreement with Pernod Ricard-popularly known as Seagram's.

About the Company

Incorporated on 24th August 2004, LLMPL commenced its production of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) from its state-of-the-art production facility in West Bengal in the year 2012. The facility is created for Blending & Bottling of IMFL to be sold in the West Bengal market. The manufacturing facility is spread in an area of more than three acres boasting of latest automations and infrastructural facilities

Financials of Leade Liquor Manufacturing Limited (Standalone):

(Rs. crore)

For the year ended* / As On	31-03-2021	31-03-2022	
	Audited	Audited	
Total Operating Income	308.22	323.20	
EBITDA	6.11	4.97	
PAT	2.59	3.00	
Total Debt	13.13	13.76	
Tangible Net worth	16.37	19.31	
EBITDA Margin (%)	1.98	1.54	
PAT Margin (%)	0.84	0.92	
Overall Gearing (x)	0.80	0.71	
Interest Coverage (x)	5.07	3.44	

^{*}Classification as per Infomerics' standards.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Nil

Any other information: Nil

Rating History for last three years:



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Sr.	Name of	Current Ratings (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 (July 04, 2023)	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2022-23	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2021-22
1.	Proposed Term Loan	LT	3.60	IVR BB+; Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	IVR BBB-; Stable	-	-

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About Infomerics:

Infomerics Valuation and Rating Private Ltd (Infomerics) was founded in the year 1986 by a team of highly experienced finance professionals for research and risk evaluation. Infomerics commenced its activities as External Credit Assessment Institution after obtaining registration from Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and accreditation from Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

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Annexure 1: Details of Facility

Name of Facility	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Long Term Fund Based Limits – Proposed Term Loan	-	-	- 08	3.60	IVR BB+; Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details: Not Applicable

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

Annexure 4: List of companies considered for consolidated analysis:

Name of the Company	Consolidation Approach		
Leade Liquor Manufacturing Limited	Full Consolidation		
Oaken Gold Bottling Private Limited	Full Consolidation		
Aroma India Private Limited	Full Consolidation		

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: Infomerics has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity and a note thereon is available at www.infomerics.com