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Bemco Sleepers Limited

November 19, 2020

Ratings

Instrument / Facility	Amount (INR Crore)	Rating	Rating Action
Long Term Facility – Fund Based – Cash Credit	12.50	IVR BB-/ Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* [IVR Double B with Stable outlook; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING]	Revised from IVR BB+/Stable [IVR Double B with Stable Outlook] and moved to ISSUER NOT COOPERATING Category
Long Term Facility – Fund Based – Term Loan	1.61	IVR BB-/ Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* [IVR Double B with Stable outlook; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING]	Revised from IVR BB+/Stable [IVR Double B with Stable Outlook] and moved to ISSUER NOT COOPERATING Category
Short Term Facility – Non Fund Based – Bank Guarantee	5.00	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* [IVR A Four; Issuer Not Cooperating]	Revised from IVR A4+ [IVR A Four Plus] and moved to ISSUER NOT COOPERATING Category
Short Term Facility – Non Fund Based – Letter of Credit (Proposed)	1.11	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* [IVR A Four; Issuer Not Cooperating]	Revised from IVR A4+ [IVR A Four Plus] and moved to ISSUER NOT COOPERATING Category
Total	20.22		

**Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information*

Details of Facility are in Annexure 1

Detailed Rationale

The rating downgrade is because of lack of adequate information regarding Bemco Sleepers Limited performance and hence the uncertainty around its credit risk. Infomerics assesses



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whether the information available about the entity is commensurate with its rating and reviews the same as per its policy.

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, despite the downgrade.

Non-cooperation by Issuer

Infomerics has been regularly following up with the company to provide the required data to monitor its assigned rating to the bank facilities, vide emails dated September 23, 2020, October 05, 2020, October 15, 2020, November 09, 2020 and November 13, 2020 and telephonic follow ups. However, despite repeated requests by Infomerics, the company's management has not submitted the essential details and fees for surveillance exercise.

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 term ratings for the Cash Credit and Term Loan aggregating to Rs. 14.11 crore and short term ratings for Bank Guarantee and Letter of Credit aggregating to Rs. 6.11 crore of Bemco Sleepers Limited shall be moved to the 'ISSUER NOT COOPERATING' category by Infomerics and the rating be noted as IVR BB-/ Stable: Issuer Not Co-operating; based on best available information (IVR Double Minus B/ Stable: Issuer Not Co-operating) and IVR A4: Issuer Not Co-operating; based on best available information. (IVR A Four: Issuer Not Co-operating; based on best available information).

Accordingly, the lenders, investors and other users of this rating are requested to exercise adequate caution while using this rating as this rating may not adequately reflect the current credit risk profile of the company.

Analytical Approach & Applicable Criteria

Standalone

Rating Methodology for Construction Companies



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Financial Ratios & Interpretation – (Non-financial Sector)

Guidelines on what constitutes Non-Cooperation by clients

About the Company

Bemco Sleepers (BSL) was set up as a proprietorship firm in 1980. It was reconstituted as a private limited company in 1983 and thereafter as a public limited company in 1995. The firm which was incorporated in 1983 at Mumbai is engaged in manufacturing of pre stressed concrete sleepers for Indian Railways and some other private clients. The company operates with two manufacturing units; one each at Nandgaon (Maharashtra) and Khandwa (Madhya Pradesh).

Financials (Standalone)

(INR Crore)

For the year ended / As on	31-03-18	31-03-19
	Audited	Audited
Total Operating Income	49.75	66.74
EBITDA	6.25	6.17
PAT	2.12	2.26
Total Debt	22.02	24.70
Tangible Net worth	11.23	13.21
EBIDTA Margin (%)	12.56	9.25
PAT Margin (%)	4.27	3.34
Overall Gearing ratio (x)	1.96	1.87

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Brickwork Ratings vide its press release dated December 05, 2019 has informed that the issuer is not cooperating.

Any other information: Nil



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Rating History for last three years:

S. No.	Name of Instrument/Facilities	Current Rating (Year 2020-21)			Rating History for the past 3 years		
		Type	Amount outstanding (IINR crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-20 (October 18, 2019)	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-19	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-18
1.	Fund Based – Cash Credit	Long Term	12.50	IVR BB-/Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	IVR BB+/Stable Outlook	-	-
2.	Fund Based – Term Loan	Long Term	1.61	IVR BB-/Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	IVR BB+/Stable Outlook	-	-
3.	Non Fund Based – Bank Guarantee	Short Term	5.00	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	IVR A4+	-	-
4.	Non Fund Based – Letter of Credit (Proposed)	Short Term	1.11	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	IVR A4+	-	-

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.

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About Infomerics:

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Annexure 1: Details of Facility

Name of Facility	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (INR Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Long Term Fund Based Limits – Cash Credit	--	--	--	12.50	IVR BB-/ Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Long Term Debt - Term Loan			August 2024	1.61	IVR BB-/ Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Short Term Non-Fund Based Limits – Bank Guarantee				5.00	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Short Term Non-Fund Based Limits – Letter of Credit (Proposed)				1.11	IVR A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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