

LKP Finance Ltd.

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30th January, 2025

To, Dept. of Corporate Services (CRD) BSE Limited Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers, Dalal Street, Mumbai - 400 001

Scrip Code: 507912

Dear Sir / Madam,

Sub: Withdrawal of Credit Rating from Infomerics Valuation and Ratings Private Limited.

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and with reference to the captioned subject, the withdrawal of credit rating for Bank loan facilities received from Infomerics Valuation and Ratings Private Limited is enclosed herewith.

The above is for your information and record, please.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, For LKP Finance Limited

Girish Kumar B. Innani General Manager (Legal) & Company Secretary Membership No. FCS 2184 Encl: a/a



INFOMERICS VALUATION AND RATING PVT. LTD.

Integrated Financial Omnibus Metrics Research of International Corporate Systems

January 29, 2025

Mr. M V Doshi Executive Chairman LKP Finance Limited 203, Embassy Centre, Nariman point Mumbai 400021, Maharashtra, India. Dear Sir,

Withdrawal of rating for bank loan facilities of LKP Finance Limited

With reference to your email dated January 07, 2025, requesting withdrawal of the rating assigned to the bank loan facilities of LKP Finance Limited. We hereby withdraw the outstanding rating(s) of IVR BB+/Negative assigned to the bank loan facilities of LKP Finance Limited with immediate effect. Surrender letter and no objection certificate from the lenders has been received. The withdrawal of the ratings is in line with Infomerics withdrawal policy. 1. Our Rating Committee has reviewed the following ratings:

Facilities	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Current Ratings	Previous Ratings	Rating Action	
Fund based - long term bank facilities - Cash Credit Fund based short term bank facilities - Secured Overdraft		IVR BB+/Negative (IVR Double B plus with negative outlook)	IVR BBB-/ RWDI (IVR Triple B Minus; Rating under watch with developing implications)	Rating removed from watch; Rating downgraded, Negative outlook assigned and simultaneously withdrawn	
		IVR BBB-/ RWDI		Withdrawn	

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Facilities	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Current Ratings	Previous Ratings with developing implications)	Rating Action
Total			25.00 nty five crore only)	

- 2. As per our normal procedure, we will be announcing the withdrawal of the rating through a Press Release, a copy of which will be sent to you shortly. Meanwhile, please ensure that ratings are not used hereafter, for any purpose whatsoever
- 3. In case of any future rating requirements, we will be happy to offer our services.

Thanking you,

With Regards,

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LKP Finance Limited (LKPFL)

January XX, 2025

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Current Ratings	Previous Ratings	Rating Action	Complexity Indicator
Fund based - long term bank facilities - Cash Credit	25.00	IVR BB+/Negative (IVR Double B plus with negative outlook)	IVR BBB-/ RWDI (IVR Triple B Minus; Rating under watch with developing implications)	Rating removed from watch; Rating downgraded; Negative outlook assigned and simultaneously withdrawn	Simple
Fund based short term bank facilities – Secured Overdraft	0.00		IVR BBB-/ RWDI (IVR Triple B Minus; Rating under watch with developing implications)	Withdrawn	Simple
Total	25.00 (Rupees twenty-five crore only)				

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:

Infomerics ratings has downgraded its ratings assigned to LKPFL on account of declining financial performance, uncertainty about business continuity due to ongoing stake sale by the current promoters of LKPFL, weak asset quality, and small scale of operations in lending segment. However, ratings continue to derive strength from comfortable capitalisation levels.

Further the resolution of rating watch with developing implications on receipt of RBI approval for the stake sale by current promoters to Ms. Hindon Mercantile Limited and Mr. Kapil Garg.

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The assignment of negative outlook is on account of decline in overall financial performance in the third quarter of FY25 on the back of uncertainty in the continuation of business by new promoters.

Simultaneously Infomerics has withdrawn the ratings assigned to bank loan facilities of LKPFL with immediate effect on the basis of request by the company vide their email dated 07th January 2025, based on acknowledgement received from Bank of India of surrendering of facilities from LKPFL and no objection certificate from Federal Bank. The rating is withdrawn in accordance with Infomerics Ratings withdrawal policy and at the request of the company.

Key Rating Sensitivities: Not Applicable List of key rating drivers with detailed description

Key rating strengths

Comfortable capitalisation

LKPFL is comfortably capitalised with total CRAR of 85.10% as on 31 March 2024 as against the minimum requirement of 15% due to retention of profits. The company has comfortable net worth of Rs 349.24 Crores and low gearing of 0.16x as on 31 March 2024.

Key rating weaknesses

Declining financial performance coupled with uncertainty about business continuity:

LKPFL financial performance has declined during the 3Q FY25 with negative revenue due to loss on fair value changes on investments as there is unrealised loss of Rs.7.54 crore on investments during 3QFY25 and LKPFL has reported net loss of Rs. 14.43 crore and Rs. 11.47 crore respectively in the same period as compared to total revenue and PAT of Rs. 82.81 crore and Rs. 55.06 crore respectively as on 31 March 2024, the future direction of the company will largely depend on the decisions made by the new promoters/management regarding the continuation of the current business model and the same will remain a key rating monitorable.

Weak asset quality



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Given the nature of unsecured, high ticket size lending, the asset quality of the company remains under pressure as slippage of a single large account can have substantial impact on the asset quality of the company. The GNPA and NNPA deteriorated and stood at 9.29% and 0.00% respectively for FY24 (period refers from 01st April 2023 to 31st March 2024) when compared to 6.27% and 0.00% respectively for FY23, mainly due to decrease in collections and degrowth in loan book. However, LKPFL has provided 100% provisions against GNPA's.

Relatively small scale of operations in lending segment

In the lending vertical, despite being in the business for long time, the loan portfolio of the company stood low at Rs 56.11 Crores as on 31 March 2024, as it extends inter-corporate loans only to known clients/borrowers. Going forward, growing its loan book and reducing its exposure to big ticket size loans will be a key rating sensitivity.

Analytical Approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria:

Rating Methodology for Non-Banking Finance companies Criteria of assigning Rating Outlook. Complexity level of rated instruments/Facilities Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Financial Sector) Policy on Default Recognition and Post-Default Curing Period Policy on Withdrawal of Ratings

Liquidity:

LKPFL is comfortably capitalized with total CRAR (%), tangible net worth of 85.10% and Rs 349.24 Crores respectively as on March 31, 2024. As on Sept 30, 2024, the company has liquidity amounting to Rs. 211.75 crore in the form of cash and bank balances and liquid investments.

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About the Company:

LKP Finance Limited was originally incorporated on May 5, 1984, as a private limited company under the provisions of Companies Act, 1956, as amended, as Elkaypee Merchant Financing Private Limited. The name of the Company was subsequently changed to LKP Merchant Financing Private Limited and a fresh certificate of incorporation, consequent upon change of name was issued by Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra at Mumbai on February 13, 1986. Thereafter upon conversion from private limited to public limited the name was changed to LKP Merchant Financing Limited and later on the name was changed to LKP Finance Limited on August 27, 2008.

The Company is engaged in the business of finance and trading in shares and securities, derivatives etc. The Company is registered as Non-Banking Financial Institution (NBFI) and is holding a certificate of registration (CoR) from Reserve Bank of India to carry on business of NBFI in terms of Sec 45-IA of the RBI Act, 1934.

		(Rs. crore)
For the year ended/As on*	31-03-2023	31-03-2024
	(Audited)	(Audited)
Total Income	25.08	82.81
PAT	12.19	55.06
Assets Under Management	113.67	56.11
Tangible Net worth	293.32	349.24
Total debt	87.26	54.91
Ratios		
NIM (%)	7.27	7.61
Overall Gearing (Times)	0.30	0.16
Total CRAR (%)	74.44%	85.10%
Gross NPA (%)	6.68%	9.29%
Net NPA (%)	0.00%	0.00%
Interest coverage (Times)	5.49	22.02

Financials (Standalone):



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* Classification as per Infomerics' standards.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: None

Any other information: None

Rating History for last three years:

Sr.	Name of	Current Ra	tings (Year 2	2024-25)	Rating History for the past 3 years			
No.	Instrument/Fa cilities	Туре	Amount outstandi ng (Rs. Crore)	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2024- 25	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2024-25 (Sept 25, 2024)	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2024-25 (June 12, 2024)	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2023- 24 (13 Feb 2024)	
1.	Cash Credit	Long Term	25.00	IVR BB+/Nega tive (withdraw n)	IVR BBB-/ RWDI	IVR BBB-/ Stable	IVR BBB- / RWDI	
2.	Overdraft	Short Term		Withdrawn	IVR A3/RWDI	IVR A3	IVR A3/RWDI	

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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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Infomerics has a pan India presence with Head Office in Delhi and Corporate Office at Mumbai, with branches in major cities and representatives in several locations.

Infomerics also has international presence with credit rating operations in Nepal through its JV subsidiary.

For more information and definition of ratings please visit <u>www.infomerics.com</u>.

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Annexure 1: Instrument/Facility Details:

Name of Facility/ /Security	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Cash Credit					25.00	IVR BB+/Negative (Withdrawn)
Overdraft					0.00	Withdrawn

Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details (Hyperlink to be added)



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

Annexure 4: List of companies considered for consolidated analysis: Not applicable

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 <u>www.infomerics.com</u>.



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