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Dear Sir,

Sub: : Update on Credit Rating pursuant to Regulation 30 & 51 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

Pursuant to Regulation 30 & 51 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015, please find below the details of the Credit Ratings of the Company's borrowing facilities and debentures:

Facilities/ Instruments	Rating	Rating Actions
Long Term Bank Facilities	CARE BB; Stable	Assigned
Long Term / Short Term Bank Facilities	CARE BB; Stable / CARE A4	Revised from CARE B+; Stable / CARE A4
Non-Convertible Debentures	CARE BB; Stable	Assigned
Optionally Fully Convertible Debenture	CARE BB; Stable	Assigned

The Reports from CARE Ratings Limited covering the rationale for credit ratings is enclosed herewith.

Kindly take the above on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For Hindustan Construction Company Ltd.

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Hindustan Construction Company Limited

September 20, 2023

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating[1]	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	144.50	CARE BB; Stable	Assigned
Long Term / Short Term Bank Facilities	7,313.28 (Enhanced from 3,697.38)	CARE BB; Stable / CARE A4	Revised from CARE B+; Stable / CARE A4

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1.

Rationale and key rating drivers

The revision in the long term rating assigned to the bank facilities of Hindustan Construction Company Limited (HCC) derives strength from improvement in the performance of the company during FY23 (refers to period from April 01 to March 31) and Q1FY24 marked by improvement in the total operating income and profitability margins. With improved work execution and generation of revenue from core business operation, the profit from operations have improved to ~10-11% during FY23-Q1FY24. CARE Ratings Ltd. (CARE Ratings) expect the margins to remain around 9-10% going forward. The scale of operation is expected to continue register growth over the next three years backed by a healthy order book position aggregating Rs.14,772 crore as on March 31, 2023.

The ratings also factors in liquidity cushion available to the company post implementation of Debt Resolution Plan (RP) in October 2022 (w.e.f. July 01, 2022). The debt of HCC is structured such that the principal amount including interest will be repaid annually in the month of March, thereby providing cushion for the company while preventing short term asset liability mismatches during the year.

The ratings strengths, however, are tempered by stretched liquidity profile with extended working capital cycle, high debt level with large debt repayment obligations, absence of working capital lines to complement the growing scale of operation and presence in highly competitive and fragmented industry.

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Rating sensitivities: Factors likely to lead to rating actions

Positive factors

- Improvement in liquidity profile with recovery of debtors/receipt of arbitration claim proceeds.
- Meaningful fructification of various plans leading to receipt of exceptional cash flows.
- Tie up of working capital funds to support the pace of work execution.
- Growth in scale of operations and cash accruals while improving liquidity.

Negative factors

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- Further elongation of operating cycle with pressure on working capital position.
- In ordinate delay in fructification of funds raising plans.

Analytical approach: Standalone

Outlook: Stable

The Stable outlook reflects satisfactory order book position and established track record of execution which thereby supporting the growth in scale and profitability.

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Detailed description of the key rating drivers:

Key strengths

Improvement in financial performance during FY23 and Q1FY24:

The performance of the company improved significantly during FY23 marked by growth in the total operating income and PBILDT by 11% and 40% respectively. The profit from operations improved to 10.64% during FY23 (8.44% during FY22) backed by healthy work execution. The performance was impacted earlier due to slow moving projects, write off and provisioning on Lavasa Corporation Ltd. (Lavasa asset). Traction in order book movement has supported the growth in scale. Also, pursuant to initiation of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP), under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, HCC has no control over Lavasa and its subsidiaries. With the implementation of RP, the interest expenses have reduced thereby supporting the PAT margin. The company reported PAT margin of 5.36% during FY23 (net losses during FY22).
Performance remained satisfactory in Q1FY24 with revenue growth of 25%. The PBILDT margin improved to 12.6% while PAT margin stood at 1.54% during Q1FY24.
Tie-up of fund based limits and completion of slow moving existing projects while bidding for new projects at comfortable margins is key for scaling up of operations and improvement of profitability levels going forward.

Restructured debt with repayment once in a year

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Healthy order book with geographical and segmental diversification

HCC's total order book position as on March 31, 2023 stood at Rs.14,772 crore (Rs.13,784 crore as on June 30, 2022) which is 3x the total operating income of FY23 to be executed over a period of next 24-36 months, thereby providing medium-long term revenue visibility in the company. However, majority of projects are on Joint Venture impacting the operating margin.
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Key weaknesses

High debt level with weak debt coverage metrics

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term debt comprises invoked corporate guarantee portion of Lavasa asset. HCC has also guaranteed debt obligation of PRPL (Rs.2854 crore) for which repayments commence from September 2026.
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Extended collection period with stretched liquidity profile
The operating cycle of the company has been extended at around ~290 days in FY23; although reduced from ~430 days in FY22. The receivable position has been stretched with large debtors built up comprising unbilled revenue, disputed debtors under arbitration and retention proceeds. Post transfer of awards to PRPL, the disputed debtors of HCC has reduced from Rs.2,958 crore as on March 31, 2022 to Rs.1,383 crore as on March 31, 2023. With slow moving work orders and delays in achievement of milestone billing, the unbilled revenue has been on the higher side. However, there is traction in old projects which might enable release of the pending receivable. The company does not have working capital lines and relies on advances from customers as well as creditors funding.
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Presence in a highly fragmented and competitive construction industry:
HCC operates in the intensely competitive construction industry wherein projects are awarded on the basis of relevant experience of the bidder, financial capability and most attractive bid price. The high competition in the construction industry is due to the presence of large number of small and medium players resulting in aggressive bidding which exerts pressure on the margins. However, HCC has rich experience in handling complex projects with national importance, long standing track record in the construction industry and cordial relations with its clients which fares well against the peers in the industry.

Liquidity: Stretched

Liquidity is marked by tightly matched accruals vis-à-vis repayment obligations, absence of fund based working capital limits and modest cash balance.

Assumptions/Covenants: Not applicable

Environment, social, and governance (ESG) risks: Not applicable

Applicable criteria

Policy on default recognition
Financial Ratios – Non financial Sector
Liquidity Analysis of Non-financial sector entities
Rating Outlook and Credit Watch
Short Term Instruments
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About the company and industry

Industry classification

Macro Economic Indicator	Sector	Industry	Basic Industry
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Brief Financials (₹ crore)	March 31, 2022 (A)	March 31, 2023 (A)	Q1FY24 (U/A)
Total operating income	4261	4,726	1216
PBILDT	360	503	154
PAT	-153	253	19
Overall gearing (times)	17.21	6.68	NA
Interest coverage (times)	0.38	0.76	1.22

A: Audited U/A: Unaudited; NA: Not Available; Note: 'the above results are latest financial results available'
PBILDT calculation excludes arbitration income and expense.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: Not applicable

Rating history for last three years: Please refer Annexure-2

Covenants of rated instrument / facility: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instruments/facilities is given in Annexure-3

Complexity level of various instruments rated: Annexure-4

Lender details: Annexure-5

Annexure-1: Details of instruments/facilities

Name of the Instrument	ISIN	Date of Issuance (DD-MM-YYYY)	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date (DD-MM-YYYY)	Size of the Issue (₹ crore)	Rating Assigned along with Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-External Commercial Borrowings	-	-	-	December 31, 2030	144.50	CARE BB; Stable
Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantee	-	-	-	-	7313.28	CARE BB; Stable / CARE A4

Annexure-2: Rating history for the last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating History			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (₹ crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2023-2024	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2022-2023	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2021-2022	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2020-2021
1	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (30-Sep-22)	1)CARE D (01-Oct-21)	1)CARE D (08-Oct-20)
2	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (07-Oct-22) 2)CARE D (30-Sep-22)	1)CARE D (01-Oct-21)	1)CARE D (08-Oct-20)
3	Term Loan-Long Term	LT	-	-	-	1)CARE B+; Stable (30-Dec-22) 2)Withdrawn (30-Dec-22)	1)CARE D (01-Oct-21)	1)CARE D (08-Oct-20)

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4	Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantee	LT/ST*	7313.28	CARE BB; Stable / CARE A4	-	1)CARE B+; Stable / CARE A4 (30-Dec-22)	1)CARE D / CARE D (01-Oct-21)	1)CARE D / CARE D (08-Oct-20)
5	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	-	-	-	1)CARE B+; Stable (30-Dec-22) 2)Withdrawn (30-Dec-22)	1)CARE D (01-Oct-21)	1)CARE D (08-Oct-20)
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7	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (30-Dec-22) 2)CARE B+; Stable (30-Dec-22)	1)CARE D (01-Oct-21)	1)CARE D (08-Oct-20)
8	Fund-based - LT-External Commercial Borrowings	LT	144.50	CARE BB; Stable				

*Long term/Short term.

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

Annexure-4: Complexity level of the various instruments rated

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument	Complexity Level
1	Fund-based - LT-External Commercial Borrowings	Simple
2	Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantee	Simple

Annexure-5: Lender details

To view the lender wise details of bank facilities please click here

Note on the complexity levels of the rated instruments: CARE Ratings has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careedge.in for any clarifications.

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About us:

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Hindustan Construction Company Limited
October 06, 2023

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating[1]	Rating Action
Non Convertible Debentures	823.90	CARE BB; Stable	Assigned
Optionally Fully Convertible Debenture	1,188.92	CARE BB; Stable	Assigned

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1.

Rationale and key rating drivers

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Any other information: Not applicable

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Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	INE549A07213	26-09-2022	0.01	30-06-2029	823.90	CARE BB; Stable
	INE549A08963			31-03-2029		
	INE549A08971			30-06-2031		
	INE549A07221			31-03-2029		
	INE549A07239			31-03-2026		
Debentures-Optionally Fully Convertible Debenture	INE549A07247	06-01-2017	0.01	31-03-2029	1188.92	CARE BB; Stable
	INE549A07254					
	INE549A07262					
	INE549A07270					
	INE549A07288					
	INE549A07296					

Annexure-2: Rating history for the last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating History			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (₹ crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2023-2024	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2022-2023	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2021-2022	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2020-2021
1	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (30-Sep-22)	1)CARE D (01-Oct-21)	1)CARE D (08-Oct-20)
2	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (07-Oct-22) 2)CARE D (30-Sep-22)	1)CARE D (01-Oct-21)	1)CARE D (08-Oct-20)
3	Term Loan-Long Term	LT	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (30-Dec-22) 2)CARE B+; Stable (30-Dec-22)	1)CARE D (01-Oct-21)	1)CARE D (08-Oct-20)

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating History			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (₹ crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2023-2024	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2022-2023	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2021-2022	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2020-2021
4	Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantee	LT/ST*	7313.28	CARE BB; Stable / CARE A4	1)CARE BB; Stable / CARE A4 (20-Sep-23)	1)CARE B+; Stable / CARE A4 (30-Dec-22)	1)CARE D / CARE D (01-Oct-21)	1)CARE D / CARE D (08-Oct-20)
5	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	-	-	-	1)CARE B+; Stable (30-Dec-22) 2)Withdrawn (30-Dec-22)	1)CARE D (01-Oct-21)	1)CARE D (08-Oct-20)
6	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (07-Oct-22) 2)CARE D (30-Sep-22)	1)CARE D (01-Oct-21)	1)CARE D (08-Oct-20)
7	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	-	-	-	1)CARE B+; Stable (30-Dec-22) 2)Withdrawn (30-Dec-22)	1)CARE D (01-Oct-21)	1)CARE D (08-Oct-20)
8	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	823.90	CARE BB; Stable				
9	Debentures-Optionally Fully Convertible Debenture	LT	1188.92	CARE BB; Stable				
10	Fund-based - LT-External Commercial Borrowings	LT	144.50	CARE BB; Stable	1)CARE BB; Stable (20-Sep-23)	-	-	-

*Long term/Short term.

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

Annexure-4: Complexity level of the various instruments rated

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument	Complexity Level
1	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	Simple
2	Debentures-Optionally Fully Convertible Debenture	Simple

Annexure-5: Lender details

To view the lender wise details of bank facilities please click here

Note on the complexity levels of the rated instruments: CARE Ratings has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careedge.in for any clarifications.

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