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Stock Code: 500032	Stock Code: BAJAJHIND

Dear Sirs,

Sub: Revision in the Ratings of Long-term and Short-term Bank Facilities

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, we would like to inform that Credit Analysis & Research Limited (CARE Ratings) has revised the credit rating for Company's bank facilities as follows:-

Sl. No.	Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings	Remarks
1	Long term Bank Facilities	7227.13	CARE D (Single D)	Revised from CARE D (issuer not cooperating)
2	Short term Bank Facilities	329.04	CARE D (Single D)	Revised from CARE D (issuer not cooperating)
Total facilities		7556.17		

A copy of the letter dated July 25, 2019 received from CARE Ratings is attached as Annexure 1.

Kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For Bajaj Hindusthan Sugar Limited



Kausik Adhikari
Deputy Company Secretary
(Membership no. ACS 18556)

Encl.: As above

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Vice President
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Dear Sir,

Credit rating for bank facilities

On the basis of recent developments including operational and financial performance of your company for FY19 (audited), our Rating Committee has reviewed the following ratings:

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long-term Bank Facilities	7227.13	CARE D (Single D)	Revised from CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
Short-term Bank Facilities	329.04	CARE D (Single D)	Revised from CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
Total Facilities	7556.17 (Seven thousand five hundred and fifty six crore and seventeen lakh only)		

2. Refer Annexure 1 for details of rated facilities.
3. The rationale for the rating will be communicated to you separately. A write-up (press release) on the above rating is proposed to be issued to the press shortly, a draft of which is enclosed for your perusal as Annexure-2. We request you to peruse the annexed document and offer your comments if any. We are doing this as a matter of courtesy to our clients and with a view to ensure that no factual inaccuracies have inadvertently crept in. Kindly revert as early as possible. In any case, if we do not hear from you by July 26, 2019, we will proceed on the basis that you have no any comments to offer.

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4. CARE reserves the right to undertake a surveillance/review of the rating from time to time, based on circumstances warranting such review, subject to at least one such review/surveillance every year.
5. CARE reserves the right to revise/reaffirm/withdraw the rating assigned as also revise the outlook, as a result of periodic review/surveillance, based on any event or information which in the opinion of CARE warrants such an action. In the event of failure on the part of the entity to furnish such information, material or clarifications as may be required by CARE so as to enable it to carry out continuous monitoring of the rating of the bank facilities, CARE shall carry out the review on the basis of best available information throughout the life time of such bank facilities. In such cases the credit rating symbol shall be accompanied by "ISSUER NOT COOPERATING". CARE shall also be entitled to publicize/disseminate all the afore-mentioned rating actions in any manner considered appropriate by it, without reference to you.
6. CARE ratings do not take into account the sovereign risk, if any, attached to the foreign currency loans, and the ratings are applicable only to the rupee equivalent of these loans.
7. Our ratings do not factor in any rating related trigger clauses as per the terms of the facility/instrument, which may involve acceleration of payments in case of rating downgrades. However, if any such clauses are introduced and if triggered, the ratings may see volatility and sharp downgrades.
8. Users of this rating may kindly refer our website www.careratings.com for latest update on the outstanding rating.
9. CARE ratings are not recommendations to sanction, renew, disburse or recall the concerned bank facilities.

If you need any clarification, you are welcome to approach us in this regard.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,

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Bajaj Hindusthan Sugars Limited

Ratings

Facilities		Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ²	Rating Action
Long-term Facilities	Bank	7227.13	CARE D (Single D)	Revised from CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
Short-term Facilities	Bank	329.04	CARE D (Single D)	Revised from CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
Total Facilities		7556.17 (Seven thousand five hundred and fifty six crore and seventeen lakh only)		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

The ratings of Bajaj Hindusthan Sugar Limited (BHSL) takes into account the ongoing delays in the repayment of its debt obligations. Going forward, company's ability to service its debt obligations in a timely manner and improve its overall financial profile together with its capital structure shall be the key rating sensitivities.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

Key Rating Weaknesses

Stretched liquidity & Delays in servicing of debt obligations

Weak operational and financial performance in the past years has led to stress on the liquidity position of the company and eventually led to delays in servicing of debt obligations by the company. Based on the information available and assessment made by the statutory auditors, the company has delayed in repayments of dues to various financial institutions, bank and government during FY19. BHSL is however making efforts to regularise its repayment obligations. It is carrying a large stock of sugar inventory on account of impositions by the government on the monthly sales by the sugar companies to protect the interest of the sector on account of surplus production in the past sugar seasons. Further, BHSL is expecting claim amount & interest from UP government totalling to approximately Rs 1500 crore (after Allahabad termed UP State's suspension of incentives under policy in 2004 to attract investments in Sugar sector "arbitrary") which will be utilized majorly to for paying the outstanding cane arrears. Thereafter, the proceeds from sugar sales shall be majorly available for payment of bank dues.

Substantial investment in group companies

The group has implemented a power project under Bajaj Energy Pvt Ltd (BEPL) and commissioned a 1,980 MW project under Lalitpur Power Generation Company Limited (LPGCL). BHSL has invested a substantial amount in its group companies by way of investments or loans and advances. Inability of BHSL to recover these advances in a timely manner in the past has led to its stretched liquidity position. The management is however planning to recoup the said advances by planning an IPO in Bajaj Energy limited (BEL) for which a DRHP has already been filed with SEBI on April 05, 2019. The funds raised through the said issue will partly be utilized by BEL to purchase the stake of LPGCL from BHSL. The said fund infusion in BHSL will be entirely be utilized for de-

² Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at www.careratings.com and other CARE publications

leveraging its balance sheet which shall aid in the improvement in its capital structure going ahead. The exact issue size & funds infusion shall however depend on factors like market conditions, valuations, etc

Regulated nature of sugar business

The industry is cyclical by nature and is vulnerable to the government policies for various reasons like its importance in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) as it classifies as an essential commodity. The government on its part resorts to various regulations like fixing the raw material prices in the form of State Advised Prices (SAP) and Fair & Remunerative Prices (FRP). All these factors impact the cultivation patterns of sugarcane in the country and thus affect the profitability of the sugar companies.

Key Rating Strengths

Long track record of operations and experienced promoters

The company was incorporated in 1931 under the name - The Hindusthan Sugar Mills Limited (HSML) by Mr Jamnala Bajaj. Subsequently HSML was renamed as Bajaj Hindusthan Limited in 1988 and changed to the present one in January 2015. The company gradually increased its capacity over the years to become one of the largest sugar producers in the country.

Mr. Kushagra Nayan Bajaj has considerable experience in the sugar industry and is assisted by a team of professionals having significant experience in the industry. The promoter & management team of BHSL is resourceful and they have plans to deleverage its balance sheet by undertaking a right issue in BEL as detailed above.

Analytical approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria

CARE's Policy on Default Recognition

CARE's Methodology for manufacturing companies

Financial ratios – Non-Financial Sector

About the Company

BHSL, a part of the 'Shishir Bajaj Group', is one of the largest sugar manufacturing companies in the country and also the largest industrial alcohol manufacturer in India. BHSL has 14 sugar factories with an aggregate capacity of 1.36 lakh tonne of sugarcane crushed per day (TCD). It has six distilleries with capacity to produce 800 kilo litre per day (KLPD) of industrial alcohol and owns co-generation plants having power generating capacity of 449 MW. The company also has two Medium Density Fiber Board manufacturing plants with capacity of 35,000 MT per annum.

	(Rs crore)	
Particulars	FY19 (A)	FY19 (B)
Total operating income	6161.8	6052.15
PBILDT	431.99	451.84
PAT	-423.19	-64.08
Overall gearing (times)	1.90	1.77
Interest coverage (times)	0.64	1.40

A: Audited

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

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Any other Information: Not Applicable

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

Annexure-1: Details of Instruments/Facilities

Name of the Instrument	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. crore)	Rating assigned along with Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	-	-	March 31, 2024	1157.00	CARE D
Fund-based - LT-Working capital Term Loan	-	-		6070.13	CARE D
Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	-	-	-	329.04	CARE D

Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating history			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-2020	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-2019	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-2018	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017
1.	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	1157.00	CARE D	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (06-Apr-18)	1)CARE D (10-Jul-17)	1)CARE BB+ (03-Nov-16)
2.	Fund-based - LT-Working capital Term Loan	LT	6070.13	CARE D	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (06-Apr-18)	1)CARE D (10-Jul-17)	1)CARE BB+ (03-Nov-16)
3.	Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	ST	329.04	CARE D	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (06-Apr-18)	1)CARE D (10-Jul-17)	1)CARE A4+ (03-Nov-16)

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