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Date: April 26, 2024

To,
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To,
The Manager
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Dear Sir / Madam,

Sub : Intimation Of Credit Rating

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015, we wish to inform you that CRISIL Rating Limited has reaffirmed its rating as under:

Total Bank Loan Facilities Rated	Rs. 100 Crore
Long Term Rating	CRISIL A-/Positive (Assigned)

Copy of the Report is attached herewith.

Request you to take the same on your records and acknowledge.

Yours faithfully,
For Navkar Corporation Limited



Deepa Gehani
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Encl: As above

Rating Rationale

April 25, 2024 | Mumbai

Navkar Corporation Limited 'CRISIL A-/Positive' assigned to Bank Debt

Rating Action

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1 crore = 10 million

Refer to Annexure for Details of Instruments & Bank Facilities

Detailed rationale

CRISIL Ratings has assigned its '**CRISIL A-/Positive**' rating to the long-term bank facilities of Navkar Corporation Ltd (NCL).

The rating reflects NCL's established market position backed by the extensive industry experience of its promoters and integrated service offerings, strong market presence at the JNPT (Jawaharlal Nehru Port) and strategically located facilities, healthy relationship with shipping lines and expanding customer base and strong financial risk profile. These strengths are partially offset by intense competition in CFS operations, susceptibility of revenue to cargo movement and change in customs policy and nascent stage of operations at ICD, Morbi, impacting profitability and low RoCE.

Key rating drivers and detailed description

Strengths:

- **Established market position at JNPT:** Business risk profile is backed by its established market position at the JNPT, healthy relationships with shipping lines, and the ability to offer integrated services. The company has a strong presence in CFS and ICD operations, driven by key competitive advantages, including its own railway siding, warehouse and storage facilities, land and equipment, that enables in servicing its clients in a timely manner. Integrated service offerings and shift towards railway transportation from road transport is providing NCL competitive advantage supporting its volumes as well as margins.
- **Extensive experience of promoters:** The promoters have extensive experience in the logistics business, which has helped the company establish a strong market position in CFS operations and diversify its service offerings to include ICDs, domestic transportation solutions, warehouse and temperature-controlled storage facilities.
- **Increasing scale and diversified operations:** Revenues have grown year-on-year over the past four years and is estimated to increase by 4-5% in fiscal 2024 to Rs 461 crore from Rs 445 crore in fiscal 2023 driven by moderate volume growth as well as healthy realisation levels. NCLs business profile is supported by its integrated presence in inland logistics through CFS, ICDs and rail operations. The integrated services also include additional facilities such as container repair, PQ Labs for inspection, last mile delivery, temperature-controlled chambers for hazardous materials, etc. The CFS and PFT segment is expected to grow with increasing volumes and better utilization of ICD Morbi is expected to support strong growth over the medium term.
- **Strong financial risk profile:** The financial risk profile is strong as indicated by strong adjusted networth of Rs 1952 crore. The company's capital structure has been healthy due to minimal external debt yielding low gearing and total outside liabilities to adjusted tangible networth (TOLANW) ratios of 0.02 time and 0.03 time, respectively, as on March 31, 2023. Gearing and TOLANW are estimated at 0.11 time each as on March 31, 2024. The debt protection measures have been healthy due to moderate profitability. Interest coverage and net cash accrual to total debt (NCATD) ratios are estimated at 5.77 times (4.97 times in fiscal 2023) and 0.21 time, respectively, in fiscal 2024. With no major debt funded capex, financial profile is expected to remain strong.

Weaknesses:

- **Competitive environment in CFS operations and susceptibility of revenue to cargo movement and change in customs policy:** NCL faces intense competition from large CFS operators at the JNPT and from those at other ports. Most competitors are either owned by or affiliated to dedicated shipping lines. Further, due to DPD (Direct Port Delivery) gaining traction and overall CFS capacity utilisation coming under pressure, price-based competition has intensified in the CFS as well as inland freight segments, resulting in moderation of profitability. Also, CFS operations are susceptible to the quantum and mix of cargo movement at the port, which can vary with changes in overall import-export trade, regulations and competition from other ports in the vicinity.

- **Nascent stage of operations at ICD, Morbi, impacting profitability:** The company has commenced the operations of ICD Morbi from January 2023 and is being currently operated at moderate capacity utilization along with fixed cost-intensive nature of the business leading to moderate profitability. However, with time the volumes are expected to improve with healthy demand and as currently company started logistics of bulk cement and flyash should help in improving scale of operations and profitability. Timely stabilization and increase in scale of operations leading to healthy profitability from ICD Morbi would continue to remain a key monitorable over the medium term.
- **Low RoCE:** The company has low return on capital employed (ROCE) of 3-4% over the three fiscals through 2023. This is on account of large capital investments and decline in profitability.

Liquidity: Strong

Bank limit utilisation is low around 31% over the 12 months ended March 2024. Net cash accrual is expected to be Rs 69-93 crore which is sufficient against term debt obligation of Rs 33-37 crore over the medium term. In addition, it will act as cushion to the liquidity of the company. Further, expected inflow of Rs. 50 crore, from sale of ICD, Tumb in fiscal 2025, will support liquidity. Current ratio was healthy at 5.8 times as on March 31, 2023. Company has moderate cash and bank balance of Rs 15 crore as on September 30, 2023. Low gearing and moderate network support financial flexibility.

Outlook: Positive

CRISIL Ratings expects NCL's credit profile to improve driven by increasing scale of operations, enhancing operating margin and comfortable capital structure.

Rating sensitivity factors

Upward factors

- Sustained growth in revenue and operating profitability above 18%, leading to higher cash accruals.
- Sustenance of financial profile and better liquidity.

Downward factors

- Lower-than-expected revenue or profitability below 16% thereby leading to lower cash accruals.
- Any large, debt-funded capex or stretch in working capital cycle weakening the capital structure

About the company

Incorporated in 2008, NCL is a cargo transit service provider through CFS, ICD, Private Railway Freight Terminal (PFT), and multi-modal logistics park. NCL operates three CFSs, Ajivali CFS 1, Ajivali CFS 2 and Somathane CFS, located in Panvel, Maharashtra, near JNPT. The facilities are equipped to handle 5,35,000 Twenty Feet Equivalent Units (TEUs) per annum. It also provides other services such as packing, labelling, palletizing, shrink wrapping, strapping, jumbo-bags packing and carting. NCL also has an ICD in Morbi with an aggregate installed capacity of 2,00,000 TEUs per annum and is also facilitated with a PFT. NCL also offers domestic cargo movement through railways under its PFT domestic business.

NCL is promoted by Mr Mehta and family and is listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and National Stock Exchange.

Key financial indicators

As on / for the period ended March 31		2023	2022
Operating income	Rs crore	445.58	455.72
Reported profit after tax (PAT)	Rs crore	92.49	67.23
PAT margin	%	20.76	14.75
Adjusted debt/Adjusted networkth	Times	0.02	0.37
Interest coverage	Times	4.97	4.64

Any other information: Not applicable

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument:

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Annexure - Details of Instrument(s)

ISIN	Name of instrument	Date of allotment	Coupon rate	Maturity date	Issue size (Rs crore)	Complexity levels	Rating assigned with outlook
NA	Long Term Loan	NA	NA	Sep-2030	40	NA	CRISIL A-/Positive
NA	Cash Credit	NA	NA	NA	60	NA	CRISIL A-/Positive

Annexure - Rating History for last 3 Years

	Current	2024 (History)	2023	2022	2021	Start of 2021

Instrument	Type	Outstanding Amount	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Rating
Fund Based Facilities	LT	100.0	CRISIL A-/Positive		--	23-01-23	Withdrawn	27-10-22	CRISIL A/Watch Developing		--	Withdrawn (Issuer Not Cooperating)*
			--		--		--	25-08-22	CRISIL A/Watch Developing		--	--
			--		--		--	13-04-22	CRISIL A/Positive		--	--
			--		--		--	07-04-22	CRISIL A/Positive		--	--
Non-Fund Based Facilities	ST		--		--	23-01-23	Withdrawn	27-10-22	CRISIL A1/Watch Developing		--	Withdrawn (Issuer Not Cooperating)*
			--		--		--	25-08-22	CRISIL A1		--	--
			--		--		--	13-04-22	CRISIL A1		--	--
Non Convertible Debentures	LT		--		--		--		--		--	Withdrawn (Issuer Not Cooperating)*

All amounts are in Rs.Cr.

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

Annexure - Details of Bank Lenders & Facilities

Facility	Amount (Rs.Crore)	Name of Lender	Rating
Cash Credit	60	State Bank of India	CRISIL A-/Positive
Long Term Loan	30	State Bank of India	CRISIL A-/Positive
Long Term Loan	10	Axis Bank Limited	CRISIL A-/Positive

Criteria Details

Links to related criteria

[CRISILs Approach to Financial Ratios](#)

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