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PUDUMJEE INDUSTRIES LTD.

Registered Office

19th October, 2016

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Dear Sir,

Sub: Intimation of Revision in Credit Rating under SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

In accordance with Regulation 30(6) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the "Regulations") we have to inform you that CRISIL has assigned the following revised credit rating to the Company.

Total Bank Loan Facilities Rated	Rs. 560 Million
Long Term Rating	CRISIL BBB+/Stable (Downgraded from 'CRISIL A-'; removed from 'Watch with Developing Implications')

It may be noted that the Company does not have any outstanding of such loans since these loans have been transferred to Pudumjee Paper Products Limited (PPPL) pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement and Reconstruction (Demerger) implemented on 1st February 2016 (Effective Date). A copy of CRISIL Rating Rationale is enclosed.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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Ratings



Rating Rationale

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Pudumjee Industries Limited

Rating downgraded to 'CRISIL BBB+/Stable', removed from 'Watch Developing'

Total Bank Loan Facilities Rated	Rs.560 Million
Long Term Rating	CRISIL BBB+/Stable (Downgraded from 'CRISIL A-'; removed from 'Watch with Developing Implications')
(Refer to A	nnexure 1 for Facility-wise details)

CRISIL has downgraded its rating on the bank facility of Pudumjee Industries Ltd (PIL; part of the Pudumjee group) to 'CRISIL BBB+' from 'CRISIL A-', and removed it from 'Watch with Developing Implications'; the outlook on the long-term rating is 'Stable'.

CRISIL had placed the ratings on Watch, following PIL's announcement of a corporate restructuring scheme, which involved demerger of its paper manufacturing business, with all its assets and liabilities, into Pudumjee Paper Products Ltd (PPPL). The scheme for demerger was approved by the Mumbai High Court in January 2016, and the paper manufacturing assets were transferred to PPPL in February, 2016. Hence, the ratings have been removed

The downgrade reflects weakening in the group's business risk profile due to the demerger of the paper business and transfer of its core manufacturing assets to PPPL. The group now only has windmills, with power generation capacity of 4.6 megawatt (MW) and income from real estate business, resulting in decline in revenue to Rs 340 million in fiscal 2016. However, the financial risk profile remains strong because of healthy networth and low gearing of Rs 629 million and 0.23 time, respectively, as on March 31, 2016. Furthermore, surplus in the real estate business supports liquidity, resulting in strong debt protection metrics, with adjusted interest coverage and net cash accrual to total debt of 8.9 times and 63% respectively in fiscal 2016. CRISIL believes the Pudumjee group will maintain its strong financial risk profile over the medium term in the absence of debt-funded capital expenditure (capex).

The ratings reflect the extensive experience of the group's management and its strong financial risk profile. The ratings also factor in healthy cash flow from its real estate project, healthy debt service coverage ratio for the windmill loan over its tenure, and the escrow-backed mechanism for servicing the debt where sale proceeds from all wind assets will be deposited. These strengths are partially offset by vulnerability of output to variability in wind speed, and customer concentration in revenue

For arriving at the ratings, CRISIL has combined the business and financial risk profiles of PIL, its wholly owned subsidiaries, Pudumjee Hygiene Products Ltd (PHPL) and Pudumjee Holding Ltd (PHL) with Pudumjee Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd (PPPML) and its wholly owned subsidiary Pudumjee Investment and Finance Company Ltd (PIFCL). The companies are collectively referred to as the Pudumjee group. CRISIL has also taken into account PPPML's interest in Pudumjee-G: Corp Developers using the proportionate consolidation method.

Outlook: Stable

CRISIL believes the Pudumjee group will maintain its healthy financial risk profile over the medium term. The outlook may be revised to 'Positive' if a substantial and sustained increase in scale of operations and profitability results in sizeable cash accrual. The outlook may be revised to 'Negative' if there is a steep decline in surplus in the real estate business, or significant weakening in capital structure, because of large debt-funded capex.

About the Group

PIL manufactures specialty paper: its product mix comprises crepe tissue, hygiene tissue, machine-glazed tissue, carbon tissue, poster paper, kraft paper, glassine paper, and wrappers for fruits, flowers, and food. This business and all its assets and liabilities were transferred to PPPL in fiscal 2016. PHPL markets hygiene products under the brand Greenlime; this business was also transferred to PPPL in fiscal 2016.

PPPML operates three windmills, two in Satara and one in Sangli in Maharashtra, with capacity of 4.6 MW. PHL and PIFCL are investment holding companies with no major business activities.

The Pudumjee group has entered into a joint venture agreement with G: Corp Developers for developing Greens, a residential project at Chinchwad in Pune, Maharashtra. The group has 60% share in profit from the project.

Current facilities			Previous facilities		
Facility	Amount (Rs.Million)	Rating	Facility	Amount (Rs.Million)	Rating
Proposed Long Term Bank Loan Facility	560	CRISIL BBB+/Stable	Cash Credit	140	CRISIL A-/Watch Developing
	0		Letter of credit & Bank Guarantee	330	CRISIL A2+/Watch Developing
	0		Proposed Long Term Bank Loan Facility	90	CRISIL A-/Watch Developing

Total	560		Total	560	
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