

INVESTMENT & PRECISION CASTINGS

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The GENERAL MANAGER DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SERVICES The Bombay Stock Exchange Limited 1st Floor, New Trading Ring, Rotunda Building P. J. Tower, Dalal Street, Fort Mumbai 400 001.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Credit rating of Company's bank facilities by CARE RATINGS.

Ref: Scrip Code No. 504786.

With reference to the above, we wish to inform you that CARE Ratings has reaffirmed the ratings assigned to the company's bank facilities.

We enclose herewith copy of the Brief Rationale published by CARE Ratings.

Please take the above information on record.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully, For INVESTMENT & PRECISION CASTINGS LTD

(Girish Shah) CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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CARE REAFFIRMS THE RATINGS ASSIGNED TO THE BANK FACILITIES OF INVESTMENT & PRECISION CASTINGS LIMITED

Rating

Bank Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Remarks
Long-term bank facilities	55.52	CARE BBB- (Triple B Minus)	Reaffirmed
Short-term bank facilities	4.00	CARE A3 (A Three)	Reaffirmed
Total Facilities	59.52 (Rupees Fifty Nine Crore Fifty Two Lac Only)		

Rating Rationale

The ratings continue to derive strength from vast experience of the promoters of Investment & Precision Castings Ltd. (IPCL) in the investment castings business along with its established manufacturing facility and long-standing relationship with its key customers. The ratings also factor its comfortable leverage and moderate debt coverage indicators apart from addition of few new customers on the back of increase in its product portfolio.

The ratings, however, continue to remain constrained due to IPCL's relatively moderate scale of operations, susceptibility to volatile raw material prices, working capital intensive nature of operations, high customer concentration and linkages with the cyclical automobile industry. The ratings are further constrained by implementation and salability risks associated with its vacuum casting project.

Ability of IPCL to increase its scale of operations along-with improvement in profitability, ensuring greater customer and geographical diversification as well as retaining its key clientele and effectively managing its working capital requirement are the key rating sensitivities.

Background

IPCL, engaged in the business of manufacturing investment castings, was established in April 1975. In 2004, IPCL set up Tamboli Castings Ltd. (TCL) as an export oriented unit and its wholly owned subsidiary. In 2009, upon family partition, IPCL group was split into two independent companies - IPCL and Tamboli Capital Ltd. (TCap); with TCap becoming the holding company of TCL. IPCL has a total installed manufacturing capacity of 1500 Metric Tonne Per Annum (MTPA) of investment castings at its plant located at Bhavnagar which predominantly supplies to the domestic automobile industry.

During FY16 (refers to the period April 1 to March 31), IPCL reported a total operating income of Rs.85.05 crore (FY15: Rs.74.65 crore) with a PAT of Rs.2.86 crore (FY15: Rs.2.15 crore). As per unaudited results for Q1FY17 (refers to the period April 1 to September 30), IPCL reported a total operating income of Rs.23.00 crore with a PAT of Rs.1.08 crore.

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