To.

Department of Corporate Services,
BSE LIMITED
P.J. Towers,
Dalal Street,
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BSE Scrip Code: 532684

National Stock Exchange of India Limited
Exchange Plaza,
Bandra Kurla Complex,
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Mumbai-400 051

NSE Symbol: EKC
NSE Series: EQ

Dear Sir.

Sub: Revision in the credit rating by CARE (Credit Analysis & Research Ltd.) for bank facilities of Rs. 229.41 Crore availed by the Company

In terms of Regulation 30(4) read with Schedule III Part A of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we hereby inform you that CARE has revised the Credit Rating as per the following table vide their letter dated November 13, 2017;

Facilities	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Rating Action
Long Term Fund Based Bank Facilities (Yes Bank Term Loan)	84.99 (Reduced from 206.96)	CARE BB: Positive (Double B: Outlook Positive)	Revised from CARE B
Long Term Fund Based Bank Facilities (EXIM Bank Term Loan)	8.50 (Reduced from 32.09)	CARE BB: Positive (Double B: Outlook Positive)	Revised from CARE B
Long Term Fund Based Bank Facilities- Cash Credit	81.00	CARE BB: Positive (Double B: Outlook Positive)	Revised from CARE B
Short Term Non- Fund Based Bank Facilities	54.92 (Enhanced from 44.92)	CARE A4+ (A Four Plus)	Revised from CARE A4
Total	229.41 (Rupees Two Hundred Twenty Nine Crore and Forty One Lakh only)		

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The Rating Revision letter dated November 13, 2017 from CARE is attached herewith as Annexure.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, For Everest Kanto Cylinder Limited

Alok Bodas Company Secretary

Encl: a/a



CARE/HO/RL/2017-18/3184

Shri P.K. Khurana Chairman & MD Everest Kanto Cylinder Limited 204, Raheja Centre, Press Journal Marg, 214, Nariman Point, Mumbai – 400021

November 13, 2017

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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 FY17 (Audited) and Q1FY18 (Limited Review), our Rating Committee has reviewed the following ratings:

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Rating Action
Long-term fund based bank facilities (Yes Bank Term Loan)	84.99 (reduced from 206.96)	CARE BB; Positive (Double B; Outlook: Positive)	Revised from CARE B
Long-term fund based bank facilities (EXIM Bank Term Loan)	8.50 (reduced from 32.09)	CARE BB; Positive (Double B; Outlook: Positive)	Revised from CARE B
Long-term fund based bank facilities – Cash Credit	81.00	CARE BB; Positive (Double B; Outlook: Positive)	Revised from CARE B
Short-term non-fund based bank facilities	54.92 (enhanced from 44.92)	CARE A4+ (A Four Plus)	Revised from CARE A4

¹Complete definition of the ratings assigned is available at <u>www.careratings.com</u> and other CARE publications.



CARE Ratings Limited
(Formerly known as Credit Analysis & Research Limited)

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Rating Action
Total Facilities	229.41 (Rs. Two hundred twenty nine crore and forty one 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 November 15, 2017, we will proceed on the basis that you have no any comments to offer.
- 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.



- 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. Users of this rating may kindly refer our website <u>www.careratings.com</u> for latest update on the outstanding rating.
- 8. 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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Encl.: As above

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Annexure 1 Details of Rated Facilities

1. Long-term facilities

1.A. Secured rupee term loans

Sr. No.	Name of Bank	Rated Amount (Rs. Crore)	Debt Repayment Terms
1	Yes Bank Ltd.	84.99	Last instalment in October 2020
2.	EXIM Bank	8.50*	Bullet Repayment in May 2018
	Total	93.49	

^{*}Converted into Rupee from \$1.3 million at exchange rate of Rs. 65.38

1.B. Fund Based limits sanctioned

(Rs. crore)

Sr. No.		Fund Based
	Name of Bank	CC*
1.	State Bank of India	54.00
2.	ICICI Bank Ltd.	7.00
3.	Yes Bank Ltd.	20.00
	Total	81.00

^{*}CC=Cash credit

Total long-term facilities (1.A +1.B): Rs.174.49 crore

2. Short-term facilities

2.A. Non fund based limits

(Rs. crore)

Sr. No.	Name of Bank	Non Fund Based Limits LC/BG*
1.	State Bank of India	21.00
2.	ICICI Bank Ltd.	13.92
	Yes Bank Ltd.	20.00
3	Total	54.92

^{*}LC=Letter of credit; BG=Bank guarantee

Total short-term facilities: Rs.54.92 crore

