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February 13, 2019

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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 FY18 (Audited), our Rating Committee has reviewed the following ratings:

Facility	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ^[1]	Rating Action
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	102.90	CARE B; Stable (B; Outlook: Stable)	Reaffirmed
Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantees	610.81	CARE B; Stable/CARE A4 (B; Outlook: Stable/A Four)	Reaffirmed
Total facilities	713.71 (Rs. Seven Hundred and thirteen crore and seventy one lakhs 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.

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In any case, if we do not hear from you by February 15, 2019, we will proceed on the basis that you have no comments to offer.


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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,



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Annexure 1
Details of Rated Facilities

1. Long-term facilities

Working Capital- Fund based Cash credit

Sr. No.	Name of Bank	Rated Amount (Rs. Crore)	Remarks	Repayable on
1.	Central Bank of India	32.00	Sanctioned	-
2.	UCO Bank	10.88	Sanctioned	-
3.	State Bank of India	35.02	Sanctioned	-
4.	IDBI Bank	25.00	Sanctioned	-
	Total	102.90		

Total LT facilities: Rs. 102.90 crore

2. Long term/ Short term facilities

Non-Fund based Bank Guarantee

Sr. No.	Name of Bank	Rated Amount (Rs. Crore)	Remarks	Repayable on
1.	Central Bank of India	216.00	Sanctioned	-
2.	UCO Bank	51.31	Sanctioned	-
3.	State Bank of India	178.85	Sanctioned	-
4.	IDBI Bank	45.00	Sanctioned	-
	Total	491.16		

Note: Earlier entity had Rs. 6.29 crore of proposed bank facilities which was rated.

Non-Fund based Letter of credit

Sr. No.	Name of Bank	Rated Amount (Rs. Crore)	Remarks	Repayable on
1.	Central Bank of India	46.10	Sanctioned	-
2.	UCO Bank	35.05	Sanctioned	-
3.	State Bank of India	38.50	Sanctioned	-
	Total	119.65		

Total LT/ST facilities: Rs 610.81 crore

Total facilities (1+2): Rs 713.71 crore

Draft Press Release

Bhilai Engineering Corporation Limited

Ratings

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Details of facilities as per Annexure-I

Detailed rating rationale & key rating drivers

The rating assigned to the bank facilities of Bhilai Engineering Corporation Limited (BECL) continue to remain tempered by stressed liquidity position due to long receivable days, highly working capital intensive nature of operations with high utilization of working capital limits, volatility in profitability margins, susceptibility to changes in government regulations and intense competition in the engineering & fertilizer industry. The rating considers the experience of the promoters in engineering and fertilizer industries and stable order book position indicating revenue visibility.

The company's ability to improve its cash flows and hence its liquidity position is the key rating sensitivity.

Detailed description of key rating drivers

Key Rating Weaknesses:

Stagnant revenues

BECL's divisions are Heavy Engineering which is the largest, followed by fertilisers and food products. Total Operating Income of BECL has grown at a slow rate y-o-y from FY17 to FY18 due to subdued outlook in the industry in which BECL operates. Total sales reported by BECL for 9MFY19 was Rs. 453.54 crore.

Volatility in operating margins

BECL's operating margins are susceptible to changes in prices of raw material and intense competition in the fertiliser industry. In the Engineering & EPC division, the company had been penalised with liquidated damage (LD) charges by its major EPC customers and this has adversely affected its margins. LD charges levied for FY18 was Rs. 24.98 crore. According to the management, there have been instances of delay in release of mobilisation advance by BECL's customers as a result of which BECL could not meet its specified delivery schedules. BECL has raised claims for LD reversal which is under process.

Susceptibility to changes in government regulations, volatility in raw material prices

Changes in government policies on licensing for production, sales, and export/import, too, have an impact on the fertiliser companies' business and financial risk profiles. Further the operating margins are also susceptible to changes in prices of raw material.

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Key Rating Strengths:

Experienced promoters

BEC's promoters are the Jain family from Bhilai. They have been in the business of engineering, fertilisers and food products since 1960. Over the years they have established strong relations with established clientele including large PSU's like RINL, SAIL and NMDC.

Stable order book

As on December 31, 2018, BECL had an order book of Rs. 1,433.32 crore thereby providing revenue visibilities in the near future.

Liquidity Analysis

Stressed liquidity position due to working capital intensive nature of operations

Working capital cycle is around 117 days which is on account of high collection period of 107 days. The company majorly deals with government departments and PSUs in its engineering and fertiliser divisions. In engineering division, the gestation period is fairly long starting from the manufacturing of the goods to commissioning the project/machinery. Certain portion of the contract value is usually held as retention money which is released after commissioning. The fertilizer subsidies are cleared only after audit and other formalities are completed by the Government authorities. Due to above factors liquidity of the company remained stretched with very high utilization of working capital limits, thereby providing limited cushion.

Applicable Criteria

Criteria on assigning Outlook to Credit Rating

CARE's default recognition policy

Criteria for Short Term Instruments

Financial ratios - Non Financial Sector

Rating Methodology – Manufacturing companies

About the Company

Bhilai Engineering Corporation Limited (BECL) is a public limited company which was setup in 1960 by the Jain family from Bhilai. The company is into manufacturing of specialized equipment and products for heavy engineering industries. It is also into manufacturing of fertilisers and food products.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY17 (A)	FY18 (A)
Total operating income	829.40	843.64
PBILDT	118.75	72.87
PAT	36.04	9.20
Overall gearing (times)	0.49	0.38
Interest coverage (times)	3.17	1.90

A-Audited

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: None

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating History: Please refer Annexure-2

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: CARE has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity. This classification is available at www.careratings.com. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careratings.com for any clarifications.

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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-Cash Credit	-	-	-	102.90	CARE B; Stable
Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantees	-	-	-	491.16	CARE B; Stable / CARE A4
Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Letter of credit	-	-	-	119.65	CARE B; Stable / CARE A4

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 2018-2019	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-2018	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2015-2016
1.	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	102.90	CARE B; Stable	-	1) CARE B; Stable (10-Oct-17)	-	-
2.	Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantees	LT/ST	491.16	CARE B; Stable / CARE A4	-	1) CARE B; Stable / CARE A4 (10-Oct-17)	-	-
3.	Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Letter of credit	LT/ST	119.65	CARE B; Stable / CARE A4	-	1) CARE B; Stable / CARE A4 (10-Oct-17)	-	-

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