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Gripwell Forging & Tools: Continues to remain under issuer Non-Cooperating category

Summary of rating action

Instrument [^]	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Long Term-Fund Based-Cash Credit	7.00	7.00	[ICRA]B+ (Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Total	7.00	7.00	

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

[^]Instrument details are provided in Annexure-I

Rationale

ICRA has kept the Long-Term of Gripwell Forging & Tools in the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category. The rating is denoted as "[ICRA]B+ (Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING".

As part of its process and in accordance with its rating agreement with Gripwell Forging & Tools, ICRA has been trying to seek information from the entity so as to monitor its performance. Further, ICRA has been sending repeated reminders to the entity for payment of surveillance fee that became due. Despite multiple requests by ICRA, the entity's management has remained non-cooperative. In the absence of requisite information and in line with the aforesaid policy of ICRA, the rating has been continued to the "Issuer Not Cooperating" category. The rating is based on the best available information.

Please refer to the following link for the previous detailed rationale that captures Key rating drivers and their description, Liquidity position, Rating sensitivities, Key financial indicators: [Click here](#). ICRA is unable to provide the latest information because of non-cooperation by the entity.

Analytical approach

Analytical Approach	Comments
Applicable Rating Methodologies	Policy in respect of non-cooperation by the rated entity Corporate Credit Rating Methodology
Parent/Group Support	NA
Consolidation/Standalone	Standalone

About the company

Established in 1948, Gripwell Forging and Tools, a proprietorship concern, was started by Sardar Kesar Singh and is primarily involved in the manufacturing and exporting of hand tools, having a diversified product range under it. Mr. Gunit Singh Rana took over the concern, acting as the executive director (also the proprietor) along with Mr. Ajit Singh Rana, acting as the president. In 1998, Gripwell Forgings & Tools obtained the ISO 9002 System & Procedures certification. Subsequently, it upgraded to the ISO 9001:2008 Quality System with certifications from Intertek Group PLC. Products such as Chrome Vanadium Steel Spanners and Steel Vices are approved for safety and quality by TUV Rheinland-Germany and carry the coveted GS mark.

The concern has different products with different SKUs under it, constituting primarily of vices, pliers, pincers, wrenches, spanners, hammers, pipe tools, saw blades, garden tools etc.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:

CRA	Status	Date of Release
CRISIL	CRISIL BB (Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	April 13, 2023

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

Instrument	Type	Current Rating (FY2024)		Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years			
		Amount Rated (Rs. Crore)	Amount Outstanding (Rs. Crore)	Date & Rating in	Date & Rating in	Date & Rating in	Date & Rating in
				22-Feb-2024	19-Dec-2022	18-Nov-2021	29-Sep-2020
1 Cash Credit	Long Term	7.00	-	[ICRA]B+ (Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]B+ (Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]B+ (Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]B+ (Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Cash Credit	Simple

The Complexity Indicator refers to the ease with which the returns associated with the rated instrument could be estimated. It does not indicate the risk related to the timely payments on the instrument, which is rather indicated by the instrument's credit rating. It also does not indicate the complexity associated with analysing an entity's financial, business, industry risks or complexity related to the structural, transactional, or legal aspects. Details on the complexity levels of the instruments, is available on ICRA's website: [Click Here](#)

Annexure-I: Instrument details

ISIN No	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Amount Rated (RS Crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	Cash Credit	-	-	-	7.00	[ICRA]B+ (Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Source: Gripwell Forging & Tools

Annexure-II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis: Not Applicable

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