

June 30, 2022

A. S. Export: Moved to Not-Cooperating category, rating downgraded based on best available information

Summary of rating action

Instrument [^]	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Short-term: Fund-based limits	30.00	30.00	[ICRA]A4 ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating downgraded from [ICRA]A3 and moved to the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Total	30.00	30.00	

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

^{**}Consists Export Pre-Finance (PC) sub-limit of Rs. 12.00 crore, Export Pre-Finance (PC-DDA) sub-limit of Rs. 30.00 crore, Direct Export sub-limit of Rs. 30.00 crore and Associate Bill sub-limit of Rs. 4.50 crore.

[^]Instrument details are provided in Annexure-1

Rationale

The rating downgrade considers of lack of adequate information about A.S. Exports' (AES) performance and hence the uncertainty around its credit risk. ICRA assesses whether the information available about the entity is commensurate with its rating and reviews the same as per its "Policy in respect of non-cooperation by a rated entity" available at www.icra.in. The lenders, investors and other market participants are thus advised to exercise appropriate caution while using this rating as the rating may not adequately reflect the credit risk profile of the entity, despite the downgrade.

As a part of its process and in accordance with its rating agreement with AES, ICRA has been trying to seek information from the entity 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 moved 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: [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	Corporate Credit Rating Methodology Policy in respect of Non-cooperation by the Rated Entity
Parent/Group Support	Not applicable
Consolidation/Standalone	The rating is based on the standalone financial statements of the rated entity.

About the company

Established in 1976, A. S. Export is a partnership firm based out of Mumbai and is involved in trading and exports of polished diamonds. The firm procures polished diamonds in the range of 30 pointers to five carats from reputed domestic suppliers and sells these in the domestic as well as international markets including the US, Hong Kong and Belgium, among others. The firm is the flagship entity of the AS Group, which is focussed on the jewellery business. CI2 Jewellery Private Limited, a Group company, is a 100% export-oriented unit, operating out of the special economic zone (SEZ) in Mumbai and is involved in manufacturing and exports of diamond-studded jewellery. Envision LLC, an associate concern, distributes ASE's products to speciality dealers (watches and luxury jewellery), departmental stores, retailers and other chain stores in the US.

Key financial indicators

Standalone	FY2020(Audited)	FY2021 (Provisional)
Operating Income (Rs. crore)	93.4	50.9
PAT (Rs. crore)	0.8	0.6
OPBDIT/OI (%)	2.3%	2.4%
PAT/OI (%)	0.8%	1.2%
Total Outside Liabilities/Tangible Net Worth (times)	0.8	0.6
Total Debt/OPBDIT (times)	10.0*	16.8*
Interest Coverage (times)	3.1	8.3

PAT: Profit after Tax; OPBDIT: Operating Profit before Depreciation, Interest, Taxes and Amortisation; A – Audited; P - Provisional

* Total debt primarily consists of interest-free unsecured loans from partners and relatives

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

Instrument	Current Rating (FY2023)				Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years		
	Type	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Date & Rating	Date & Rating in FY2022	Date & Rating in FY2021	Date & Rating in FY2020
1	Fund-Based Limits**	30.00	-	30-Jun-2022 [ICRA]A4 ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	28-Jun-2021 [ICRA]A3	-	30-Dec-2019 [ICRA]A3

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Complexity level of the rated instruments

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Short-term – Fund based limits	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: www.icra.in

Annexure-1: Instrument details

ISIN No	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Amount Rated (Rs Crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	Pre/Post-Shipment Credit**	-	-	-	30.00	[ICRA]A4 ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Source: Company

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Annexure-2: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis: Not applicable

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