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Radheya Machining Limited: Rating Reaffirmed; rating amount enhanced

Summary of rating action

Instrument*	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Long-term Fund-based – Term loan	10.00	11.13	[ICRA]BB- (Stable); Reaffirmed/assigned for enhanced amount
Long Term - Unallocated	0.00	38.87	[ICRA]BB- (Stable); Assigned
Total	10.00	50.00	

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure-I

Rationale

For arriving at the ratings, ICRA has taken a consolidated view of Radheya Machining Limited (RML) and Yashwant Forging Private Limited (YFPL), hereafter known as the 'Group'. The consolidated view considers the corporate guarantee provided by RML for debt taken by YFPL as well as their operational linkages and common management between the two entities.

The rating reaffirmation favourably factors in the extensive experience of the promoters in the automobile industry, its reputed client base and its ability to facilitate in-house manufacturing through its group entities with minimal reliance on third-party vendors. Additionally, the Group is expanding into new business segments, which can contribute to further top-line growth in the upcoming fiscal years. However, the successful execution of this expansion strategy remains to be seen.

The rating, however, is constrained by moderate scale of operations, high customer concentration risk and low bargaining power with customers. The business also remains highly working capital intensive as reflected by the elongated receivable cycle and inventory holdings, leading to stretched liquidity position. Due to high borrowings related to working capital requirements, the capitalisation and coverage metrics also remain at average levels. The rating also factors in the stiff competition in the industry as well as exposure to cyclicity of the end user industry.

The Stable outlook on the long-term rating reflects ICRA's opinion that the Group will continue to benefit from the extensive experience of the promoters in the automobile industry and its established relationships with reputed original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

Key rating drivers and their description

Credit strengths

Established track record of promoters in the automobile industry – RML was incorporated in 1999 as a manufacturer and supplier of automobile components with specialisation in engine and transmission gears. The promoters have an extensive track record of over 20 years in the automobile industry and have established strong relationships with reputed OEMs in India.

Reputed client base – The Group operates as a primary tier-1 supplier of auto components, particularly for tractors, to various OEMs. The company's clientele includes well-known automobile OEM companies such as Mahindra & Mahindra, Carrao India Pvt. Ltd., and Escorts Ltd. The company's long-standing relationships with key customers, spanning over 15 years, have resulted in repeat orders, contributing to the company's revenue profile over the years.

Credit challenges

Moderate scale of operations and high customer concentration risk – The Group is positioned as a relatively moderate scale auto component supplier company with presence mainly in the tractor/commercial vehicle segment. The company's OI (operating income) stood at Rs. 121.7 crore in FY2022 with a moderate CAGR of 4.2% over the past five years, primarily due to

the limited presence in one segment and fragmented nature of the industry. However, from FY2024, the company is looking at diversifying into new business segments, viz. the railways, defence and electric vehicles (EVs), which is expected to add diversity to the revenue profile and will remain a key rating sensitivity. Also, with limited scale, the Group's top five customer contribution to its revenues has been around 70% in the past fiscal years, with around 50% of revenues coming from a single customer, reflecting high customer concentration risk. However, comfort can be taken from the established clientele profile and established relationships with them.

Subdued financial risk profile characterised by high gearing, moderate debt coverage indicators and stretched liquidity profile – The entity's financial profile at a consolidated level has remained subdued, with a high gearing ratio of 2.1x, and moderate interest coverage and debt service coverage ratios of 2.4x and 1.4x, respectively, as of FY2022. This is attributed to the debt-funded capex, as well as the high working capital requirement resulting from elongated receivable days and long inventory holding periods. The company's working capital limits also remained fully utilised, reflecting a stretched liquidity position.

Vulnerability of revenues and profitability to inherent cyclicity in the auto industry – The company's primary revenue is driven by the commercial vehicle (CV)/tractor segment, especially the tractor segment, which drove 60% of its revenues in FY2022. The cyclical nature of these industries makes the company's financial performance vulnerable to downturns. The sales of tractors/CVs are dependent on agricultural production and construction activities. Hence, any decline in the performance of these particular industries can have an impact on the Group's profitability.

Presence in competitive and fragmented industry; low bargaining power – The Group is a mid-sized player in the highly competitive and fragmented automobile supplier industry. Hence, the Group has low bargaining power with reputed clients, leading to limited pricing flexibility and an elongated receivable cycle.

Liquidity position: Stretched

The company's liquidity position is stretched with high working capital requirement, resulting in the almost fully utilised working capital limits of Rs. 35 crore, providing no undrawn buffer. The company had free cash and liquid investment of Rs. 0.14 crore as on March 31, 2022 and Rs 0.18 crore as on January 31, 2023. The company has repayment obligations of around ~Rs.6.94 crore in FY2024, which is expected to be met through internal cash accruals.

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – The rating could be upgraded in case of notable scale up in the revenues and profitability coupled with significant improvement in liquidity profile and coverage indicators along with diversification in product and customer profile.

Negative factors – Negative pressure on the company's rating could arise if there is any substantial decline in scale of operations or profitability levels, leading to deterioration in coverage metrics. Any large debt-funded capex or stretch in working capital cycle adversely impacting its liquidity profile and other key credit metrics can also exert downward pressure on the ratings.

Analytical approach

Analytical Approach	Comments
Applicable rating methodologies	Corporate Credit Rating Methodology Rating Methodology for Auto Component Suppliers
Parent/Group support	Not Applicable
Consolidation/Standalone	For arriving at the ratings, ICRA has consolidated the financials of Radheya Machining Limited (RML) and Yashwant Forging Private Limited (YFPL), given the corporate guarantee provided by RML for the debt taken by YFPL, as well as the operational and financial linkages between them, coupled with their common management.

About the company

Radheya Machining Limited, incorporated on December 13, 1999, has two manufacturing units in Sanaswadi, Pune (Maharashtra). The company is engaged in manufacturing components for engine and transmission gears, arms, levers, drive line components, ball valves, and many other automobile parts. The company is mainly a tier-1 vendor and supplier to major automobile OEMs. RML is headed by Mr. Dhananjay Bhargav (MD) and Mr. Santosh Joshi (WTD).

Key financial indicators (audited)

RML Consolidated	FY2021	FY2022
Operating income	104.8	121.7
PAT	0.5	2.6
OPBDIT/OI	16.5%	15.0%
PAT/OI	0.4%	2.1%
Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times)	3.2	2.8
Total debt/OPBDIT (times)	4.8	4.1
Interest coverage (times)	1.9	2.4

PAT: Profit after tax; OPBDIT: Operating profit before depreciation, interest, taxes and amortisation; Amount in Rs crore

Key financial indicators (audited)

RML Standalone	FY2021	FY2022
Operating income	104.8	121.7
PAT	0.5	2.1
OPBDIT/OI	12.2%	10.8%
PAT/OI	0.5%	1.7%
Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times)	2.5	2.3
Total debt/OPBDIT (times)	4.4	4.0
Interest coverage (times)	2.0	2.5

PAT: Profit after tax; OPBDIT: Operating profit before depreciation, interest, taxes and amortisation; Amount in Rs crore;

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

Instrument	Type	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	Amount outstanding as of May 15, 2023 (Rs. crore)	Current rating (FY2024)		Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years		
				Date & rating in FY2024		Date & rating in FY2023	Date & rating in FY2022	Date & rating in FY2021
				May 19, 2023	April 05, 2023			
1 Fund Based - Term loans	Long term	11.13	1.66	[ICRA]BB-(Stable)	[ICRA]BB-(Stable)	-	-	-
2 Unallocated	Long term	38.87	-	[ICRA]BB-(Stable)	-	-	-	-

Complexity level of the rated instruments

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Long-term fund-based – Term Loan	Simple
Long term - Unallocated	NA

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 are available on ICRA's website: [Click Here](#)

Annexure I: Instrument details

ISIN	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	Term Loan 1*	NA	NA	NA	5.00	[ICRA]BB-(Stable)
NA	Term Loan 2	FY2022	NA	FY2029	2.50	[ICRA]BB-(Stable)
NA	Term Loan 3	FY2024	NA	FY2029	1.66	[ICRA]BB-(Stable)
NA	Term Loan 4*	NA	NA	NA	1.97	[ICRA]BB-(Stable)
NA	Unallocated	NA	NA	NA	38.87	[ICRA]BB-(Stable)

Source: Company; *proposed

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Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Company Name	Relationship	Ownership	Consolidation Approach*
Yashwant Forging Private Limited	Group Company	NA	Full Consolidation

*Consolidated on the basis of corporate guarantee provided by the RML to the debt undertaken by YFPL as well as operations linkages and common management between the two entities

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