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Mehta & Associates Fire Protection Systems Private Limited: 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	4.00	4.00	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Long Term-Non Fund Based-Others	8.00	8.00	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Short Term-Non Fund Based-Others	2.25	2.25	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Total	14.25	14.25	

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

[^]Instrument details are provided in Annexure-I

Rationale

ICRA has kept the Long-Term and Short-Term ratings of Mehta & Associates Fire Protection Systems Private Limited in the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category. The ratings are denoted as "[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING/[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING".

As part of its process and in accordance with its rating agreement with Mehta & Associates Fire Protection Systems Private Limited, 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 Policy on Default Recognition
Parent/Group Support	NA
Consolidation/Standalone	Standalone

About the company

Mehta & Associates Fire Protection System Private Limited (MAFPS) is an Ahmedabad based contractor for fire protection services. Its core business incorporates procurement and installation of fire protection system for various clients. It undertakes

numerous turnkey projects to procure, supply and erect the entire fire protection system for various clients, particularly power and power grid projects. Incorporated in 1984, MAFPS was founded by Mr Jayant Mehta –the first-generation entrepreneur. Prior to establishing Mehta & Associates, he worked with The Grinnell Fire Protection Systems Co Inc., in Dallas, Texas (TYCO Group) for 7 years in different capacities from Design Engineer to Manager (Eng.) of Special Hazards department. Since 2009, after Mr Jayant Mehta’s demise, the company is being managed by his sons -Kaushal Mehta and Kunal Mehta. MAFPS has two operating divisions –Systems and Products. The systems division undertakes turnkey projects for supply and installation of fire protection system on site. In products division, it undertakes local distribution of internationally procured cables and detectors from Protectowire and Detectomat.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:

CRA	Status	Date of Release
CARE	CARE D/CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	April 28, 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 FY2023	Date & Rating in FY2022	Date & Rating in FY2021
				21-Feb-2024	21-Dec-2022	25-Nov-2021	23-Sep-2020
1 Cash Credit	Long Term	4.00	-	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
2 Long Term-Non Fund Based	Long Term	8.00	-	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
3 Short Term-Non Fund Based	Short Term	2.25	-	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Cash Credit	Simple
Long Term-Non Fund Based	Very Simple
Short Term-Non Fund Based	Very 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	-	-	-	4.00	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Long Term-Non Fund Based	-	-	-	8.00	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Short Term-Non Fund Based	-	-	-	2.25	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Source: Mehta & Associates Fire Protection Systems Private Limited

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

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