

#### **December 12, 2023**

# Ankit Pulps And Boards Private Limited: Continues to remain under issuer Non-Cooperating category

# **Summary of rating action**

| Instrument^                              | Previous Rated<br>Amount<br>(Rs. crore) | Current Rated<br>Amount<br>(Rs. crore) | Rating Action   |
|--|---|--|---|
| Long Term-Fund<br>Based – Cash Credit    | 8.25                                    | 8.25                                   | [ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category |
| Long Term-Fund<br>Based- Term Loan       | 1.75                                    | 1.75                                   | [ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category |
| Long Term-<br>Interchangeable-<br>Others | (6.00)                                  | (6.00)                                 | [ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category |
| Total                                    | 10.00                                   | 10.00                                  |   |

<sup>\*</sup>Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information.

#### Rationale

ICRA has kept the Long-Term rating of Ankit Pulps And Boards Private Limited 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 Ankit Pulps And Boards 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: <u>Click here</u> ICRA is unable to provide the latest information because of non-cooperation by the entity.

## **Analytical approach**

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

## About the company

Incorporated in the year 1976, Ankit Pulps and Boards Private Limited ('APB' or 'the company') is engaged in the manufacturing of Microcrystalline Cellulose (MCC) which is used in pharmaceutical and food products industry. MCC is primarily used as an excipient1 (binder/ filler) in the pharmaceutical industry. The company also manufactures cellulose powder which finds

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<sup>^</sup>Instrument details are provided in Annexure-1



application in the industrial segment. APB is a closely held company promoted by Mr. Rajesh Agrawal and Mr. Anil Agrawal, who each have more than 25 years of experience in the industry.

## **Key financial indicators:**

| Standalone   | FY 2020 | FY 2021 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Operating Income (Rs. crore)                         | 51.40   | 65.22   |
| PAT (Rs. crore)                                      | 6.18    | 13.69   |
| OPBDITA/OI (%)                                       | 23.21 % | 32.84%  |
| PAT/OI (%)   | 12.02 % | 21.00%  |
| Total Outside Liabilities/Tangible Net Worth (times) | 1.20    | 0.65    |
| Total Debt/OPBDITA (times)                           | 0.97    | 0.11    |
| Interest Coverage (times)                            | 6.57    | 27.72   |

PAT: Profit after Tax; OPBDITA: Operating Profit before Depreciation, Interest, Taxes and Amortisation.

Source: MCA

## Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: NA

## Any other information: None

# Rating history for past three years

|    |                 | Current Rating (FY2024) |                      |                                |                   | Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years |                  |                   |
|----|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|
|    | Instrument      | Type Ra                 | Amount               | Amount Outstanding (Rs. Crore) | Date & Rating in  | Date & Rating in                                  | Date & Rating in | Date & Rating in  |
|    | instrument      |                         | Rated<br>(Rs. Crore) |                                |                   | FY 2023   | FY 2022          | FY 2021           |
|    |                 |                         |                      |                                | Dec 12 , 2023     | Sep 05, 2022                                      | July 16, 2021    | April 28, 2020    |
|    | Fund Based –    | Long<br>Term            |                      |                                | [ICRA]B+(Stable); | [ICRA]B+(Stable);                                 | [ICRA]B+(Stable) | [ICRA]B+(Stable); |
| 1. |                 |                         | 8.25                 | -                              | ISSUER NOT        | ISSUER NOT  | ; ISSUER NOT     | ISSUER NOT        |
|    | Cash Credit     |                         |                      |                                | COOPERATING       | COOPERATING                                       | COOPERATING      | COOPERATING       |
|    | Fund Based –    | Long<br>Term            | 1.75                 |                                | [ICRA]B+(Stable); | [ICRA]B+(Stable);                                 | [ICRA]B+(Stable) | [ICRA]B+(Stable); |
| 2. |                 |                         |                      | -                              | ISSUER NOT        | ISSUER NOT  | ; ISSUER NOT     | ISSUER NOT        |
|    | Term Loan       |                         |                      |                                | COOPERATING       | COOPERATING                                       | COOPERATING      | COOPERATING       |
|    | Interchangeable | Long<br>Term            | (6.00)               |                                | [ICRA]B+(Stable); | [ICRA]B+(Stable);                                 | [ICRA]B+(Stable) | [ICRA]B+(Stable); |
| 3. |                 |                         |                      | -                              | ISSUER NOT        | ISSUER NOT  | ; ISSUER NOT     | ISSUER NOT        |
|    | - Others        |                         |                      |                                | COOPERATING       | COOPERATING                                       | COOPERATING      | COOPERATING       |

## Complexity level of the rated instrument

| Instrument                           | Complexity Indicator |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Long Term – Fund Based – Cash Credit | Simple               |
| Long Term-Fund Based-Term Loan       | Simple               |
| Long Term- Interchangeable -Others   | 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

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## **Annexure-1: Instrument details**

| ISIN<br>No | Instrument Name                           | Date of Issuance /<br>Sanction | Coupon<br>Rate | Maturity<br>Date | Amount Rated<br>(RS Crore) | Current Rating and Outlook               |
|------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------------|--|
| NA         | Long Term – Fund<br>Based – Cash Credit   | -                              | -              | -                | 8.25                       | [ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING |
| NA         | Long Term-Fund<br>Based-Term Loan         | -                              | -              | -                | 1.75                       | [ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING |
| NA         | Long Term-<br>Interchangeable -<br>Others | -                              | -              | -                | (6.00)                     | [ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING |

Source: Ankit Pulps And Boards Private Limited

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

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