

April 15, 2024

MeritTrac Services Private Limited: Rating moved to 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 – Overdraft	34.00	34.00	[ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating moved to 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Long-term – Non-fund based – Sublimit of OD	(10.00)	(10.00)	[ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating moved to 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Long-term – Fund-based – Term Ioan	11.90	11.90	[ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating moved to 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Total	45.90	45.90	

. ^Instrument details are provided in Annexure-I *Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information

Rationale

ICRA has moved the rating for the bank facilities of MeritTrac Services Private Limited to the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category. The rating is denoted as "[ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING".

The rating is based on limited cooperation from the entity since the time it was last rated in June 2023. As a part of its process and in accordance with its rating agreement with MeritTrac Services Private Limited, 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 cooperation and in line with the aforesaid policy of ICRA, the rating has been moved to the "Issuer Not Cooperating" category.

Please refer to the following link for the previous detailed rationale that captures the key rating drivers and their description, liquidity position and 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		
Applicable rating methodologies	Policy in respect of Non-cooperation by a rated entity Corporate Credit Rating Methodology		
Parent/Group support	Not Applicable		
Consolidation/Standalone	For arriving at the rating, ICRA has considered the standalone financial statements of MeritTrac Services Private Limited		



About the company

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Key financial indicators (Audited)

MeritTrac Services Private Limited	FY2022	FY2023
Operating income	67.9	82.3
PAT	-21.8	-29.1
OPBDITA/OI	-15.8%	-23.6%
PAT/OI	-32.0%	-35.3%
Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times)	2.8	-20.0
Total debt/OPBDITA (times)	-4.0	-2.9
Interest coverage (times)	-2.8	-2.8

Source: Company; ICRA Research; All ratios as per ICRA's calculations; Amount in Rs. crore;

PAT: Profit after tax; OPBDITA: Operating profit before depreciation, interest, taxes and amortisation

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

	Current Rating (FY2025)				Chronology of Rating History for the Past 3 Years		
Instrument	Amoun		Amount t Outstanding as	Date & Rating in	Date & Rating in FY2024	Date & Rating in FY2023	Date & Rating in FY2022
instrument	Type Rated (Rs. crore)	Rated (Rs. crore)	on March 31, 2023 (Rs. crore)	April 15, 2024	Jun 29, 2023	May 4, 2022	Jul 01, 2021
1 based/Overdraft	Long Term	34.0	-	[ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]BB+ (Stable)	-	-
2 Fund-based/CC	Long Term	-	-	-	-	[ICRA]BBB- (Stable)	[ICRA]BBB (Negative)
Fund-based 3 (Interchangeable)	Short Term	-	-	-	-	-	[ICRA]A3+; Withdrawn
Non-fund based 4 limits (Sublimit of OD)	Long Term	(10.0)	-	[ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]BB+ (Stable)	[ICRA]BBB- (Stable)	[ICRA]BBB (Negative)
5 Term loan	Long Term	11.9	11.9	[ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]BB+ (Stable)	[ICRA]BBB- (Stable)	[ICRA]BBB (Negative)
6 Unallocated	Long Term	-	-	-	-	[ICRA]BBB- (Stable)	-



Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Long-term – Fund-based – Overdraft	Simple
Long-term – Non-fund based limits	Very Simple
Long-term – Fund-based – Term Ioan	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 are available on ICRA's website: <u>Click Here</u>



Annexure I: Instrument details

ISIN	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	Long-term – Fund-based – Overdraft	NA	NA	NA	34.00	[ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Long-term – Non-fund based – Sublimit of OD	NA	NA	NA	(10.00)	[ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Long-term – Fund-based – Term loan	FY21	NA	FY25	11.90	[ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Source: Company

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



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