

May 16, 2024^(Revised)

Photon Energy Systems 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/Cash credit | 6.00 | 6.00 | [ICRA]B-(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating moved to Issuer Not Cooperating category |
| 19.00 19.00 | | [ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating moved to Issuer Not Cooperating category | |
| Total | 25.00 | 25.00 | |

*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information. ^Instrument details are provided in Annexure-1

Rationale

ICRA has moved the ratings for the bank facilities of **Photon Energy Systems Limited** to the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category. The rating is denoted as "[ICRA]B-(Stable)/[ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING".

As part of its process and in accordance with its rating agreement with **Photon Energy Systems Limited**, ICRA has been trying to seek information from the entity so as to monitor its performance, but despite repeated 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, a rating view has been taken on the entity based on the best available information.

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 Power – Solar ICRA approach on consolidation |
| Parent/Group support | Not Applicable |
| Consolidation/Standalone | The rating is based on the consolidated financial statements of the company with its subsidiaries- Photon Rooftops Private Limited and Photon Solar Power Private Limited. |

About the company

Photon Energy Systems Limited (PESL) was established in 1995. PESL is the parent company of the Photon Group which is involved in the installation and supply of solar modules and the subsequent O&M of the solar power plants. The company also has an operational 1-MW solar power plant in Telangana. Photon Rooftops Private Limited (PRPL) is a subsidiary where PESL holds a 99% shareholding. PRPL has two operational solar roof-top projects and an under-construction solar power plant of 2.2 MW. Photon Solar Power Private Limited (PSPL) has two solar power projects of 5 MW each in the Medak district, Telangana.



Key financial indicators

| | Standa | lone | Consol | idated |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| PESL | FY2022 | FY2023 | FY2022 | FY2023 |
| | (Audited) | (Audited) | (Audited) | (Audited) |
| Operating income (Rs. crore) | 16.6 | 19.2 | 24.8 | 29.0 |
| PAT (Rs. crore) | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 4.7 |
| OPBDITA/OI (%) | 12.72% | 18.6% | 33.3% | 39.1% |
| PAT/OI (%) | 2.17% | 4.5% | 7.4% | 16.0% |
| Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times) | 0.66 | 0.7 | 1.37 | 1.2 |
| Total debt/OPBDIT (times) | 5.66 | 2.5 | 4.00 | 2.3 |
| Interest coverage (times) | 1.96 | 1.8 | 2.28 | 2.8 |

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

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:

| CRA | Date of PR | Rating Action |
|----------|--------------|--|
| CRISIL | May 26, 2023 | CRISIL D/CIRISL D; ISSUER NOT COOPERAITNG; Rating Migrated |
| 6 60/6// | | |

Source: CRISIL

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

| | | Current Rating (FY2025) | | | Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Instrument | Туре | Amount Rated (Rs. crore) | Amount Outstanding as of March 31, 2024 – (Rs. crore) | Date & Rating in FY2025 | Date & Rating in FY2024 | Date & Rating in FY2023 | Date & Rating in FY2022 |
| | | Type | | | May 16, 2024 | | Feb 24, 2023 | |
| 1 | Fund- based - Cash credit | Long Term | 6.00 | - | [ICRA]B-(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING | - | [ICRA]B- (Stable) | - |
| 2 | Non-fund based - Others | Short Term | 19.00 | - | [ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING | - | [ICRA]A4 | - |

Complexity level of the rated instrument

| Instrument | Complexity Indicator | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Cash credit | Simple | |
| Non-fund based - 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: <u>Click Here</u>



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 | Fund-based – Cash credit | NA | NA | NA | 6.00 | [ICRA]B-(Stable) ; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING |
| NA | Non-fund based – Others | NA | NA | NA | 19.00 | [ICRA]A4 ; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING |

Source: Company

Please click here to view details of lender-wise facilities rated by ICRA

Annexure-II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis:

| Company Name | PESL Ownership | Consolidation Approach | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--|
| Photon Rooftops Private Limited | 99% (rated entity) | Full Consolidation | |
| Photon Solar Power Private Limited | 51% | Full Consolidation | |

Corrigendum

Rationale dated May 16, 2024 has been with revision as detailed below:

• Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA section has been updated.



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