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Healthcare Global Enterprises Limited - Update on Material Event

Summary of rating(s) outstanding

Instrument*	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Outstanding
Long-term – Fund-based Term Loan	359.51	359.51	[ICRA]A+(Stable)
Long-term – Fund-based – Cash Credit	155.00	155.00	[ICRA]A+(Stable)
Short-term – Non-fund Based	28.50	28.50	[ICRA]A1
Total	543.01	543.01	

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure-1

Rationale

Material event

Vide a release to the stock exchanges dated June 28, 2024, Healthcare Global Enterprises Limited (HCG/the company) has entered into a share purchase agreement (SPA) and shareholders' agreement (SHA) for upfront acquisition of 51% stake, subject to completion of "conditions precedent" as per SPA & SHA, in Mahatma Gandhi Cancer Hospital & Research Institute (MGCHRI/Vizag Hospital), Vizag, Andhra Pradesh while the balance 49% stake planned to be acquired in tranches subject to completion of various conditions set out in the SPA and SHA. The consideration for the acquisition will be in the form of cash. In the first tranche, 51% of the equity share capital of MGCHRI will be acquired by HCG for a consideration of Rs. 207.6 crore by the end of Q2 FY2025 and in the second tranche, 34% of the equity share capital is planned to be acquired for a further consideration of Rs. 155.0 crore within 18 months of the first tranche. The acquisition for the balance 15% stake will depend on the valuation principles in accordance with the terms of SHA. ICRA understands that this investment will aid HCG which already operates a hospital in Vizag to benefit from synergies and economies of scale in the Vizag market. MGCHRI is a 196-bed hospital founded in 1986 and focuses primarily on cancer care. The hospital witnessed revenue of ~Rs. 120 crore in FY2024 with Operating profit margin (OPM) of ~35%.

Impact of material event

With the acquisition of MGCHRI, HCG will be able to improve its market position in the Vizag market. ICRA also expects HCG's consolidated profitability to improve given the margin-accretive nature of the transaction. That said, ICRA expects the first tranche of the transaction to result in an increase in HCG's net debt by ~Rs.207 crore since the same will be funded through its existing free cash and liquid investments. ICRA understands that HCG intends to fund the second tranche of the acquisition through equity raise.

ICRA has noted the said developments, and the ratings remain unchanged at [ICRA]A+(Stable)/ [ICRA]A1. However, timing of the equity raise to fund the second tranche of the acquisition will remain a key monitorable going forward. Going forward, any significant debt-funded acquisition remains an event risk and would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Please refer to the following link for the previous detailed rationale that captures Key rating drivers and their description, Liquidity position, Rating sensitivities: [Click here](#)

Analytical approach

Analytical Approach	Comments
Applicable rating methodologies	Corporate Credit Rating Methodology ICRA's Rating methodology for Hospitals
Parent/Group support	NA
Consolidation/Standalone	ICRA has taken a consolidated view on HCG, which includes its subsidiaries and associate companies, while assigning the credit ratings, given the common management and significant operational and financial linkages among them.

About the company

Established in 1989, Healthcare Global Enterprises Limited is present primarily in the oncology field with the largest cancer care network (23 cancer care centres as of December 31, 2023) and four multi-speciality hospitals. It is promoted by Dr. BS Ajai Kumar, a practising radiation and medical oncologist with over 30 years of experience. It was started by Dr. Kumar and four other oncologists as a single cancer care centre, namely Bangalore Institute of Oncology. Thereafter, the company has rapidly expanded its presence to Ahmedabad, Chennai, Nasik, Ranchi, Rajkot, Cuttack, Hubli, Mumbai, Nagpur, Vizag, and Vijayawada, among others. The company is present across the oncology value chain, offering services from prevention, screening, diagnosis and treatment to rehabilitation, supportive care, and palliative care.

Pursuant to the investment agreement of the company and its promoter with Aceso Company Pte Ltd. (CVC Group) in June 2020 and subsequent equity infusion, a majority stake of 60.4% (on fully diluted basis) of HCG is now held by the CVC Group. Established in 1981, CVC is a private equity and investment advisory firm with ~\$199 billion of assets under management, as of February 2024. It has a global network of 29 offices—with 16 across EMEA and the Americas and 13 in the Asia Pacific. The company has a 100% equity interest in BACC Health Care Private Limited (BACC), which operates fertility centres under the Milann brand. HCG operates six Milann fertility centres, of which five are in Bangalore, and one in Chandigarh.

Key financial indicators

HCG Consolidated	FY2022	FY2023	9M FY2024*
Operating income	1,397.8	1,694.4	1,417.5
PAT	40.3	17.6	27.1
OPBDIT/OI	17.1%	17.7%	16.8%
PAT/OI	2.9%	1.0%	1.9%
Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times)	1.5	1.7	--
Total debt/OPBDIT (times)	3.8	3.0	3.4
Interest coverage (times)	2.4	2.9	2.9

PAT: Profit after Tax; OPBDITA: Operating Profit before Depreciation, Interest, Taxes and Amortisation; *Unaudited Financials

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

Instrument	Type	Current Rating (FY2025)		Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years			
		Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Date & Rating in FY2025	Date & Rating in FY2024		Date & Rating in FY2023	Date & Rating in FY2022
			Jul 08, 2024	Mar 28, 2024	Dec 16, 2022	Sep 27, 2021	
1 Fund Based Term loan	Long-term	359.51	[ICRA]A+ (Stable)	[ICRA]A+ (Stable)	[ICRA]A+ (Stable)	[ICRA]A+(Stable)	
2 Fund based - Cash credit	Long-term	155.00	[ICRA]A+ (Stable)	[ICRA]A+ (Stable)	[ICRA]A+ (Stable)	[ICRA]A+(Stable)	
3 Interchangeable	Long term	--	-	-	-	-	
4 Non-fund based	Short-term	28.50	[ICRA]A1	[ICRA]A1	[ICRA]A1	[ICRA]A1	
5 Interchangeable	Short term	--	-	-	-	-	

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Long term - Fund Based Term loan	Simple
Long term - Fund based - Cash credit	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 analyzing 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	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Amount Rated (RS Crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	Fund Based Term loan	FY2019/FY2023	NA	FY2029/FY2031	359.51	[ICRA]A+ (Stable)
NA	Fund based - Cash credit	NA	NA	NA	155.00	[ICRA]A+ (Stable)
NA	Non-fund-based limits	NA	NA	NA	28.50	[ICRA]A1

Source: Company

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Annexure-II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Company Name	HCG Ownership	Consolidation Approach
HCG Medi-Surge Hospitals Private Limited	74.00%	Full Consolidation
Malnad Hospital & Institute of Oncology Private Limited	70.25%	Full Consolidation
Healthcare Global Senthil Multi Specialty Hospital Private Limited	100.00%	Full Consolidation
Niruja Product Development and Research Private Limited	100.00%	Full Consolidation
BACC Healthcare Private Limited	100.00%	Full Consolidation
Healthcare Diwan Chand Imaging LLP	75.00%	Full Consolidation
HCG Oncology Hospitals LLP	100.00%	Full Consolidation
HCG Oncology LLP	74.00%	Full Consolidation
HCG NCHRI Oncology LLP	100%	Full Consolidation
NCHRI Private Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
HCG Manavata Oncology LLP	51.00%	Full Consolidation
HCG EKO Oncology LLP	50.50%	Full Consolidation
HCG (Mauritius) Private Limited	100.00%	Full Consolidation
HCG Sun Hospitals LLP	100.00%	Full Consolidation
Healthcare Global (Africa) Private Limited	100.00%	Full Consolidation
HealthCare Global (Uganda) Private Limited	100.00%	Full Consolidation
HealthCare Global (Kenya) Private Limited	100.00%	Full Consolidation
HealthCare Global (Tanzania) Private Limited	100.00%	Full Consolidation
Cancer Care Kenya Limited	81.63%	Full Consolidation
Suchirayu Health Care Solutions Limited	78.60%	Full Consolidation
Advanced Molecular Imaging Limited – Joint venture	50.00%	Limited Consolidation

Source: Company annual report FY2023

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