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Ibus Network & Infrastructure Private Limited: Moved to Non-Cooperating category, Ratings downgraded based on best available information and change in outlook

Summary of rating action

| Instrument^ | Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore) | Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore) | Rating Action |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Issuer Rating | - | - | [ICRA]BB+ (Stable) ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating downgraded [ICRA]BBB- (Negative); outlook revised to stable from Negative and moved to the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category |
| Total | - | - | |

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

^Instrument details are provided in Annexure-1

Rationale

ICRA has downgraded and moved the ratings of **Ibus Network & Infrastructure Private Limited (INIPL)** to the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category. The rating is denoted as "[ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING"

The rating downgrade is because of lack of adequate information regarding **Ibus Network & Infrastructure Private Limited (INIPL)** performance and hence the uncertainty around its credit risk. ICRA assesses whether the information available about the entity is commensurate with its rating and reviews the same as per its "Policy in respect of non-cooperation by a rated entity" available at www.icra.in. The lenders, investors and other market participants are thus advised to exercise appropriate caution while using this rating as the rating may not adequately reflect the credit risk profile of the entity, despite the downgrade.

As part of its process and in accordance with its rating agreement with **Ibus Network & Infrastructure Private Limited (INIPL)**, 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, 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 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| | Corporate Credit Rating Methodology |
| Applicable rating methodologies | Rating Methodology for telecom Tower |
| | Policy in Respect of Non-Cooperation by A Rated Entity |
| Parent/Group support | NA |
| Consolidation/Standalone | Consolidated |

About the company

iBus Network and Infrastructure Pvt Ltd. commenced its operations in 2013 and the company has its registered office in Bengaluru. The company is engaged in the telecom infrastructure business, providing indoor connectivity to telecom



operators. The company builds, owns and maintains the indoor infrastructure and gains access rights by entering into multiyear agreements with large tech parks, corporates, malls, hospitals, and hotels and provide the service to telecom companies and retail customers on a shared basis, thus resolving connectivity concerns. Ibus has a geographical presence across 30 cities and metros covering more than 555 million sq ft of tenant areas with more than 725 live projects.

The company is also getting into a new business of providing Wi-Fi solutions wherein it will have all B2B customers like malls, hotels like Taj, Marriott, educational institutions like Manipal Group etc and also some high-end residential properties.

Key financial indicators (audited)

| | FY2022 | FY2023 |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Operating income | 86.5 | 167.5 |
| PAT | 1.9 | -32.1 |
| OPBDIT/OI | 24.9% | 7.9% |
| PAT/OI | 2.2% | -19.2% |
| Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times) | 0.3 | 1.2 |
| Total debt/OPBDIT (times) | 0.5 | 11.2 |
| Interest coverage (times) | 22.0 | 0.9 |

Source: Company, ICRA Research

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:

| CRA's | Date of PR's | Rating Actions |
|-----------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Brickwork | October 17, 2024 | BWR B/Stable; Continues to be in ISSUER NOT COOPERATING and Downgraded |

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) - | Date & Rating in | Date & Rating in FY2024 | Date & Rating in FY2023 | Date & Rating in FY2022 |
| | | | | Nov 29 2024 | Aug 18, 2023 | Apr 28, 2023 | Jan 07, 2022 |
| 1 | Issuer Rating | Long Term | - | [ICRA]BB+ (Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING | [ICRA]BBB- (Negative) | [ICRA]BBB- (Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING | [ICRA]BBB- (Stable) |

Complexity level of the rated instrument

| Instrument | Complexity Indicator | | |
|---------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Issuer rating | NA | | |

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 | Issuer Rating | - | - | - | - | [ICRA]BB+ (Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING |

Source: Company

Annexure-II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

| Company Name | LTHL Ownership | Consolidation Approach |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Ibus Technologies Private Limited | 100.00% | Full Consolidation |
| Ibus Virtual Network Services Private Limited | 100.00% | Full Consolidation |
| Ubico Networks Private Limited | 100.00% | Full Consolidation |
| Microsense Private Limited | 100.00% | Full Consolidation |



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