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Elevar Digital Infrastructure Private Limited: Rating withdrawn

Summary of rating action

| Instrument* | Previous rated amount (Rs. crore) | Current rated amount (Rs. crore) | Rating action |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Long term – Fund based – Cash credit | 596.00 | 596.00 | [ICRA]AA-; rating watch with positive implication; withdrawn |
| Total | 596.00 | 596.00 | |

^{*}Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

Rationale

ICRA has withdrawn the rating assigned to the bank facilities of Elevar Digital Infrastructure Private Limited (EDIPL), at the request of the company and based on the no-objection certificate received from the lenders, in accordance with ICRA's policy on withdrawal. ICRA does not have information to suggest that the credit risk has changed since the time the rating was last reviewed.

The key rating drivers and their description, liquidity position and rating sensitivities have not been captured as the rated instruments are being withdrawn. The previous detailed rating rationale is available at the following link: <u>Click here.</u>

Analytical approach

| Analytical approach | Comments |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Applicable rating methodologies | Corporate Credit Rating Methodology Telecom Towers Policy on Withdrawal of Credit Ratings |
| Parent/Group support | Not Applicable |
| Consolidation/Standalone | The ratings are based on the standalone financial profile of the company |

About the company

EDIPL was incorporated in March 2004 as Tata Tele Info Limited (a 100% subsidiary of TTSL). Over the years, the company's shareholding has changed and accordingly its name, too, has changed. As on date, it is entirely held by Altius Telecom Infrastructure Trust, a Brookfield group entity.

The company is an independent tower infrastructure provider with pan-Indian operations. The company's towers are well spread across circles with healthy presence in the metros and category A circles. As on December 31, 2022, the company had a portfolio of 77,648 towers and a tenancy ratio of 1.54 times.

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Key financial indicators (audited)

| EDIPL (Standalone) | FY2023 | FY2024 |
|--|---------|--------|
| Operating income | 5063.9 | 6805.6 |
| PAT | -2316.8 | 4203.7 |
| OPBDITA/OI | 10.6% | 106.3% |
| PAT/OI | -45.8% | 61.8% |
| Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times) | 1.84 | 1.33 |
| Total debt/OPBDITA (times) | 20.23 | 1.52 |
| Interest coverage (times) | 0.44 | 7.02 |

Source: Company, ICRA Research; All ratios as per ICRA's calculations; Amount in Rs. crore; PAT: Profit after tax; OPBDIT: 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 (FY2025) | | | Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|--|--|---|--|--------|--------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Instrument | Туре | Amount rated (Rs. crore) | Mar 24, 2025 | FY2024 | | FY2023 | | FY2022 | |
| | | | | Date | Rating | Date | Rating | Date | Rating |
| Fund-based limits | Long term | rating v 596.00 with po implicat | [ICRA] AA-; rating watch with positive | Jan 16, 2024 | [ICRA] AA-; rating watch with positive implications | - | - | Mar 10, 2022 | [ICRA] AA- (Stable) |
| | | | implications; withdrawn | May 30, 2023 | [ICRA] AA- (Stable) | - | - | Aug 27, 2021 | [ICRA] AA- (Negative) |

Complexity level of the rated instruments

| Instrument | Complexity indicator | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Long-term fund-based facilities | 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: Click Here.

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Annexure I: Instrument details

| ISIN | Instrument name | Date of issuance | Coupon rate | Maturity | Amount rated (Rs. crore) | Current rating and outlook |
|------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|----------|--------------------------|--|
| NA | Fund-based limits | - | - | - | 596.00 | [ICRA] AA-; rating watch with positive implications; withdrawn |

Source: Company

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

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