

August 30, 2023

Aircel Cellular Limited: Continues to remain under issuer Non-Cooperating category

Summary of rating action

Instrument [^]	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Long Term-Non-Fund Based- Others	3750.00	3750.00	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Long Term-Fund Based-Cash Credit	13729.00	13729.00	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Total	17479.00[^]	17479.00[^]	

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

[^]Instrument details are provided in Annexure-1

[^]These limits are consolidated for Aircel Group; interchangeable among Aircel Limited, Aircel Cellular Limited, Dishnet Wireless Limited and Aircel Smart Money Limited

Rationale

ICRA has kept the long-term ratings of Aircel Cellular Limited in the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category. The rating is denoted as [ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING"

ICRA has been trying to seek information from the entity so as to monitor its performance. Further, ICRA has been sending repeated reminders to the entity for payment of surveillance fee that became due but despite repeated requests by ICRA, the entity's management has remained non-cooperative. The current rating action has been taken by ICRA basis best available/dated/ limited information on the issuers' performance. Accordingly, the lenders, investors and other market participants are advised to exercise appropriate caution while using this rating as the rating may not adequately reflect the credit risk profile of the entity. The rating action has been taken in accordance with ICRA's policy in respect of non-cooperation by a rated entity available at www.icra.in.

Please refer to the following link for the previous detailed rationale that captures Key rating drivers and their description, Liquidity position, Rating sensitivities, Key financial indicators: [Click here](#) 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 the rated entity Corporate Credit Rating Methodology Policy on Default recognition Telecom Services
Parent/Group Support	NA
Consolidation/Standalone	Standalone

About the company

Aircel Limited, along with its subsidiaries Aircel Cellular Limited and Dishnet Wireless Limited, was a telecom service provider with a pan India presence. Aircel Smart Money Limited, another wholly owned subsidiary of Aircel Limited, provided mobile banking services. Aircel Limited was incorporated in December 1994 as Srinivas Cellcom Limited and started by offering services in the Tamil Nadu circle in April 1999. Over the years, it won licences and launched services in all the 22 telecom circles in the country. Later in 2006, Maxis Communications Berhad, Malaysia (Maxis), acquired majority stake in the company. Maxis, through Global Communication Services Holdings Ltd and Deccan Digital Networks Private Limited, effectively has approximately 73.99% equity interest in Aircel Limited. The balance equity is held by the Sindya Securities & Investments Private Limited. Maxis also has a substantial shareholding in Maxis Berhad, the leading telecommunication operator in Malaysia.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:

CRA	Status	Date of Release
CARE	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	Feb 13, 2023

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

	Instrument	Current Rating (FY2024)				Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years		
		Type	Amount Rated (Rs. Crore)	Amount Outstanding (Rs. Crore)	Date & Rating in	Date & Rating in FY2023	Date & Rating in FY2022	Date & Rating in FY2020
					Aug 30, 2023	Jun 17, 2022	May 24, 2021	Feb 27, 2020
1	Non-Fund Based-Others	Long Term	3750.00	-	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
2	Fund-Based-Cash Credit	Long Term	13729.00	-	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D;ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Non-Fund-Based-Others	Very Simple
Fund-Based-Cash Credit	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: [Click Here](https://www.icra.in)

Annexure-1: Instrument details

ISIN No	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Amount Rated (RS Crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	Non-Fund Based-Others	-	-	-	3750.00	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Fund-Based-Cash Credit	-	-	-	13729.00	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Source: Aircel Cellular Limited

Annexure-2: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis: Not Applicable

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