

May 28, 2025

Safi Steel Traders Private Limited: Continues to remain under Issuer Non-Cooperating category, Rating downgraded based on best available information

Summary of rating action

Instrument [^]	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Long Term-Fund Based-Term Loan	23.34	23.34	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating Downgraded from [ICRA]BB(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING and continues to remain under the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Long Term-Fund Based-Cash Credit	89.00	89.00	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating Downgraded from [ICRA]BB(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING and continues to remain under the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Long Term-Unallocated	0.71	0.71	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating Downgraded from [ICRA]BB(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING and continues to remain under the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Short Term-Non-Fund Based-Letter of Credit	5.00	5.00	[ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating Downgraded from [ICRA]A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING and continues to remain under the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Total	118.05	118.05	

* Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information

[^]Instrument details are provided in Annexure-1

Rationale

The rating is downgrade because of lack of adequate information regarding Safi Steel Traders Private Limited 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 Safi Steel Traders Private Limited, 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. Despite multiple 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, the rating has been continued to the “Issuer Not Cooperating” category. The rating is 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 : [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
Parent/Group Support	NA

Consolidation/Standalone	Standalone
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About the company

Safi Traders, promoted by M. Safi Mohamed, was incorporated as a proprietorship business in the 1990s. It was converted into a partnership firm in 1998 owing to the expansion in business. Further, the firm was converted into a private limited company in the name of "Safi Steel Traders Private Limited" in November 2021. It is involved in the wholesale and retail trading of iron and steel products used in the construction industry. The major products traded include TMT bars, steel coils, steel pipes, steel tubes, sheets, plates, light and heavy structural steels etc.

Key financial indicators:

Standalone	FY 2023 (Rs. In Crore)	FY 2024 (Rs. IN Crore)
Operating Income (Rs. crore)	1,152.13	1,126.93
PAT (Rs. crore)	13.59	15.35
OPBDITA/OI (%)	2.73%	3.29%
PAT/OI (%)	1.18%	1.36%
Total Outside Liabilities/Tangible Net Worth (times)	5.13	3.90
Total Debt/OPBDITA (times)	3.93	4.06
Interest Coverage (times)	3.41	3.10

Source: MCA

PAT: Profit after Tax; OPBDITA: Operating Profit before Depreciation, Interest, Taxes and Amortization

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:

CRA	Status	Date of Release
CRISIL	[CRISIL]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	May 28, 2024

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

	Instrument	Type	Current Rating (FY2026)		Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years		
			Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Date & Rating in FY 2026	Date & Rating in FY 2025	Date & Rating in FY 2024	Date & Rating in FY 2023
				May 28, 2025	-	March 21, 2024	March 02, 2023
1.	Fund Based-Term Loan	Long Term	23.34	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	-	[ICRA]BB(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]BB(Stable)
2.	Fund Based-Cash Credit	Long Term	89.00	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	-	[ICRA]BB(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]BB(Stable)
3.	Unallocated	Long Term	0.71	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	-	[ICRA]BB(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]BB(Stable)
4.	Non-Fund Based-Letter of Credit	Short Term	5.00	[ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	-	[ICRA]A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]A4+

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Long Term-Fund Based-Term Loan	Simple
Long Term-Fund Based-Cash Credit	Simple
Long Term-Unallocated	Not Applicable
Short Term-Non-Fund Based-Letter of Credit	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: [Click Here](#)

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	Fund Based-Term Loan	FY2018-FY2022	7.95-10.0%	FY2023-FY2028	23.34	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Fund Based-Cash Credit	-	-	-	89.00	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Unallocated	-	-	-	0.71	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
Na	Non-Fund Based-Letter of Credit	-	-	-	5.00	[ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Source: Safi Steel Traders Private Limited

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

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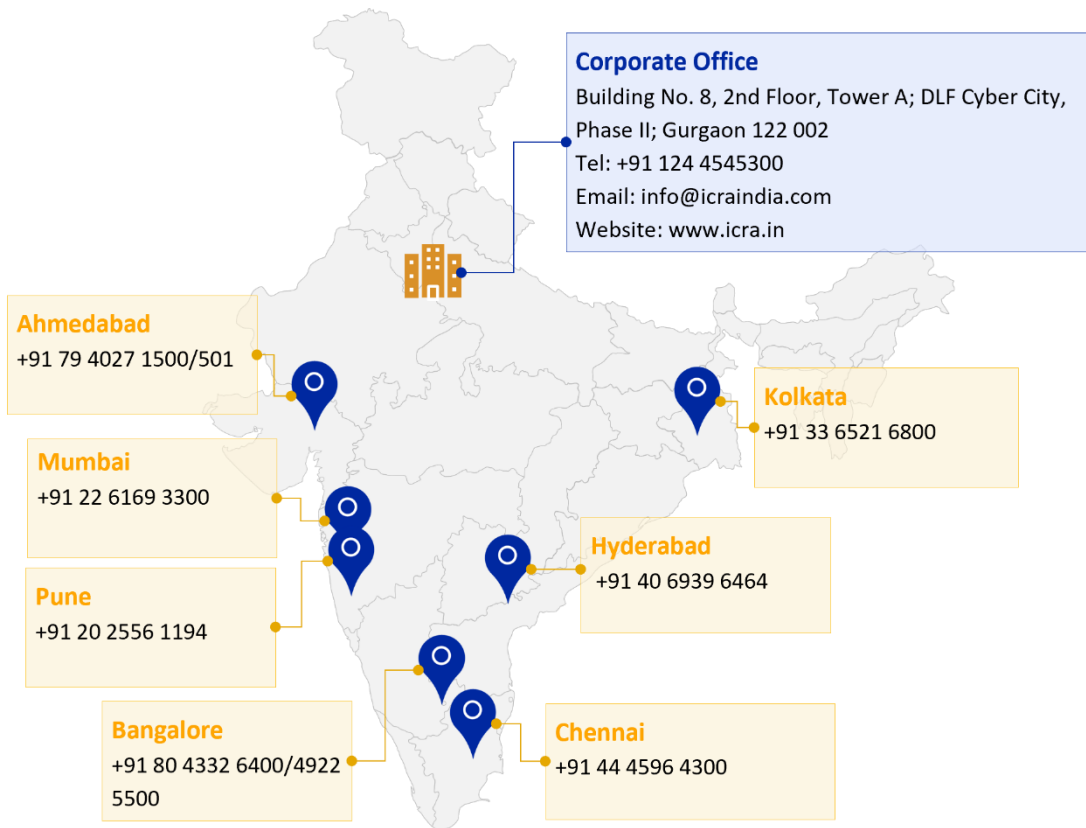
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