

### Vikas Cotex

Instrument	Amount Rated	Rating Action
Cash Credit	Rs. 12.35 crore	[ICRA]B reaffirmed
Term Loan	Rs. 2.35 crore	[ICRA]B reaffirmed
Unallocated Limits	Rs. 5.30 crore	[ICRA]B reaffirmed

ICRA has reaffirmed the long-term rating of IICRAIB (pronounced ICRA B) for Rs. 12.35 crore cash credit facility, Rs. 2.35 crore term loans and Rs. 5.30 crore unallocated limits of Vikas Cotex (VC)<sup>†</sup>.

The reaffirmation of the rating takes into account VC's relatively modest scale of operations; its low profitability due to limited value additive nature of operations and intense competition in a fragmented industry; and its leveraged capital structure due to small net-worth base. The ratings further take into account the firm's exposure to commodity price volatility, agro-climatic conditions and cotton exportrelated government regulations. ICRA also notes that VC is a partnership firm and any significant withdrawals from the capital account could adversely impact its net worth and thereby the credit profile.

The rating, however, continues to positively consider the experience of the partners in the cotton industry; the healthy ramp up of operations in 10M FY15 following stabilisation of operations; and the locational advantage of the firm giving it easy access to high quality raw cotton.

#### Firm's Profile

Incorporated in the year August 2013, Vikas Cotex (VC) is engaged in the business of cotton ginning. The firm commenced commercial production from February 2014 from its manufacturing facility located at Wankaner, Dist. Rajkot in Gujarat. The unit is equipped with 48 ginning machines and 1 pressing machine, having processing capacity of ~31000 metric tonnes per annum (MTPA) of raw cotton. VC is a partnership firm with the promoters having an extensive experience in the cotton industry.

#### **Recent Result**

During FY 2014, VC reported an operating income of Rs. 3.52 crore and net loss of Rs. 0.20. Further, in 9M FY 2015 (as per provisional financials), VC reported operating income of Rs. 39.16 crore and profit before tax of Rs. 2.26 crore.

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100 lakhs = 1 crore = 10 million

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