

Bikanervala Foods Private Limited

Instrument	Amount	Rating Action
	In Rs. Crore ¹	November 2016
Fund Based Limits	17.50	[ICRA]A+(stable) Assigned
Non Fund Based Limits	25.73	[ICRA]A1 Assigned
Term Loans	24.87	[ICRA]A+(stable) Assigned
Unallocated bank limits	23.90	[ICRA]A+(stable) / [ICRA]A1 Assigned

ICRA has assigned a long term rating of [ICRA]A+ (pronounced ICRA A plus) for Rs. 17.50 crore fund based limits and Rs. 24.87 crore term loans of Bikanervala Foods Private Limited (BFPL)[†]. ICRA has also assigned a short term rating of [ICRA]A1 (pronounced ICRA A one) for Rs. 25.73 crore non fund based limits of BFPL. ICRA has also assigned [ICRA]A+/[ICRA]A1 ratings for the Rs. 23.90 crore unallocated limits of the company. The outlook on the long term rating is stable.

The assigned ratings take into account the long experience of BFPL's promoters, its strong market position in the packaged food industry on the back of established presence and strong brand equity of the 'Bikanervala' and 'Bikano' brands, its wide product portfolio and its well entrenched distribution network across Northern India. In addition, the company generates steady income from job work for Pepsico and royalty income on franchisee restaurants, both revenue streams fetching strong profitability. These factors have enabled BFPL to report healthy growth in its operating income with steady improvement in margins over the years. These factors coupled with inherently low working capital intensive nature of operations have resulted in strong cash flow generation for the company resulting into comfortable liquidity position. Strong accretion to reserves along with moderate capital expenditure requirements, have resulted in healthy capital structure as reflected by gearing of 0.35 times and robust debt coverage indicators marked by interest cover of 11.7 times, net cash accruals/total debt of 91% and debt/OPBDITA of 0.83 times as on March 31, 2016. Going forward, the expansion of manufacturing capacities and steady demand driven by established brand are expected to drive the growth in revenues.

However, the ratings are constrained by exposure of the company to competition from branded packaged foods players, from unorganized local players, and from counterfeits; and geographical concentration of revenues with presence largely in few states in Northern India. Further, the profitability of the company is vulnerable to sharp increase in raw material prices, although strong brand allows the company to revise the prices following raw material price movements. ICRA has taken note of the capital expenditure planned over the next two years, which is expected to result in increase in debt levels; however steady accruals and cash generation are expected to keep the debt coverage metrics intact. The ratings also factor in the fact that, being in the food industry, quality would remain a risk for the company.

Ability to maintain the growth in turnover as well as steady profitability, while maintaining the quality as well as the quantum and funding of capital expenditure remain the key rating sensitivities for the company.

About the company

Bikanervala Foods Private Limited (BFPL) was incorporated in 1988 by Mr. Shyam Sunder Aggarwal. The company is engaged in manufacturing of snack foods – namkeens, sweets, biscuits, etc under the brand name of 'Bikano' through its manufacturing facilities situated in Delhi, Greater Noida and Rai. The company also owns and operates restaurants as well as franchisees under a chain of restaurants under the brand name of 'Bikanervala'.

Recent Results:

BFPL reported a profit after tax of Rs. 22.2 crore on an operating income of Rs. 531.5 crore for the year ended March 31, 2016 as against a profit after tax of Rs. 20.5 crore on an operating income of Rs. 492.6 crore for the year ended March 31, 2015.

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¹ 100 lakh = 1 crore = 10 million

[†] For complete rating scale and definitions please refer to ICRA's website www.icra.in or other ICRA Rating Publications



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