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B L Goel & Company

Instrument*	Rated Amount (in crore)	Rating Action
Fund Based Limits	7.00	[ICRA]BB; reaffirmed; outlook revised from Stable to negative
Non Fund based Limits	10.00 (enhanced from Rs 6.00 crore)	[ICRA]A4+; reaffirmed
Total	17.00	

^{*}Instrument details are provided in Annexure-1

Rating action

ICRA has reaffirmed its long-term rating of [ICRA]BB (pronounced ICRA double B) on the Rs. 7.0-crore¹ fund-based facilities of B.L. Goel & Company (BLGC). ICRA has also reaffirmed its short-term rating of [ICRA]A4+(pronounced ICRA A four plus) on the Rs. 6.0-crore non-fund based facilities of BLGC. It also assigned a short-term rating of [ICRA]A4+ to the enhanced limit of Rs 4.00 crore of BLGC. The outlook on the long-term rating has been revised from 'Stable' to 'Negative'.

Rationale

The ratings reaffirmation takes into on account the steady execution track record of the firm and its moderate profitability metrics and leverage. This apart, the ratings also take into account the firm's adequate order book of Rs 100.68 crore; the pending order book to operating income ratio was 1.35 times as on February 2017, lending revenue visibility over short to medium term. The ratings continue to favourably factor in the long experience of the promoters in the civil construction industry.

The ratings are, however, constrained by the geographical concentration of the firm's orders; risks associated with partnership constitution; and the exposure to raw material price fluctuations. The revision in outlook factors in the significant amount of receivables stuck with two real estate clients because of sector slowdown. Pending receivables have exerted pressure on the firm's liquidity, resulting in high limit utilisation and stretching of creditors. While the partners expect new orders to support the firm's operations and the recovery of receivables to happen over the next few months, the timeliness of the same will be a key rating sensitivity.

This apart, timely execution of the order book along with the ability of the firm to maintain its profitability and debt coverage will be the key rating sensitivity factors.

Key rating drivers

Credit strengths

- Established track record of operations of the firm; long experience of the promoters in the field of civil construction
- Healthy revenue visibility in the medium term as reflected in the pending order book of Rs. 100.68 crore as on February 28, 2017
- Moderate capital structure and coverage metrics backed by strong net worth



Credit weaknesses

- High debtor days of over 111 days
- Geographical concentration of the projects in the National Capital Region (NCR)
- Partnership constitution of the firm subjects it to risks of fund withdrawal, dissolution etc

Description of key rating drivers:

BLGC is involved in the business of civil construction and takes up work related to construction of multi storey buildings for group housing societies, including civil, sanitary and electrical works. The operations of the firm are confined to the NCR region. The firm has been facing payment issues from one of its major client, SRS real estate Limited, where payment has been stuck for the past two year, which the firm now expects to be released soon. BLGC usually undertakes work for private players; however, with the slowdown in the industry, the firm's focus has shifted to orders from government enterprises. Nearly 75% of the order book comprises orders from private players and the remaining from government enterprises.

The financial profile of the firm has remained moderate; the operating profit margin has remained constant over the years, within the range of 7.5% to 7.9%. The gearing of the firm improved from 1.38 times in FY2015 to 1.22 times in FY2016 owing to the decline in total debt outstanding. The firm has adequate order book of Rs 100.68 crore; the pending order book to operating income ratio is 1.35 times as on February 2017, lending revenue visibility over short to medium term.

Analytical Approach: While assigning the ratings, ICRA has taken a standalone view from the operational and financial profile of B L Goel & Company

Links to applicable criteria

http://www.icra.in/Files/Articles/Construction,%20Rating%20Meth%20March%202017.pdf

About the company:

Based in New Delhi, BLGC was established as a partnership firm in 1998. Mr. B L Goel, who is a civil engineer by profession, has more than 30 years of experience in the field of construction. Currently, Mr. B.L Goel, his wife Mrs. Ram Murthy Goel, and son Mr. Sanjay Goel serve as partners in the firm. BLGC is involved in the business of civil construction and takes up work related to construction of multi storey buildings for group housing societies. Its scope of work includes civil, sanitary and electrical work. The operations of the firm are confined to NCR and the company caters to both government and private entities for construction of residential as well as institutional buildings.

BLGC recorded a net profit of Rs. 3.70 crore on an operating income of Rs. 82.09 crore for the year ending March 31, 2016. Also, as per provisional numbers for 11 months FY2017, BLGC recorded operating income of Rs 59.55 crore.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: Not applicable



Rating history for last three years:

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2.	Non fund	Short term	10.00	[ICRA]A4+	[ICRA]A4+	[ICRA]A4+	
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Complexity level of the rated instrument:

ICRA has classified various instruments based on their complexity as "Simple", "Complex" and "Highly Complex". The classification of instruments according to their complexity levels is available on the website www.icra.in



Annexure-1 Details of Instrument

Name of the instrument	Date of issuance	Coupon rate	Maturity Date	Size of the issue (Rs. Cr)	Current Rating and Outlook
Cash Credit	-	-	-	7.00	[ICRA]BB(Negative)
Non fund based limited				10.00	[ICRA]A4+

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