

Derewala Industries Limited

	Amount (Rs. In. Corore)	Rating Action
Long-term Fund Based Limits	14.50	[ICRA]BBB (Stable) reaffirmed
Short-term Fund Based Limits	33.00	[ICRA]A3+ reaffirmed
Long-term/Short-term Interchangeable (Sub-Limits of Fund Based Limits)	(18.00)	[ICRA]BBB (Stable)/[ICRA]A3+ reaffirmed
Short-term Non Fund Based Limits	163.50	[ICRA]A3+ reaffirmed
Total	211.0	

The ratings assigned to the Rs 211.0 crore¹ bank facilities of Derewala Industries Limited ('DIL' or 'the company') have been reaffirmed at [ICRA]BBB/[ICRA]A3+ (pronounced ICRA triple B/ICRA A three plus)². The outlook on the long term rating is "Stable".

The rating reaffirmation continues to take into consideration the long standing experience of the promoters and Derewala Group in the jewellery manufacturing industry; presence in niche Italian gold jewellery segment supported by an integrated production setup and a well diversified customer base and favourable payment terms which help mitigate credit risks. The ratings are, however, constrained by the relatively stagnant operating profits and net cash accruals despite healthy scale up in operations; leveraged financial profile attributable to debt funded working capital requirements and the resultant deterioration in debt metrics. While DIL has reported healthy revenue growth over the last three years with scale up of gold jewellery business segment; however, such change in product mix has resulted in a dip in operating margins due to inherently low margins in the gold jewellery business. ICRA notes that DIL operates in a highly fragmented and competitive jewellery industry and is further exposed to regulatory changes which may impact the availability of bullion and cost of manufacturing for players like DIL. Further, given the high inventory holding requirements exposes the company to risks of write-downs in such inventory valuations in the event of sharp drop in gold prices; nonetheless, sourcing through metal loans helps mitigate this risk to an extent. Going forward, the ability of the company to improve its operating profitability and cash accruals and resultant debt metrics with further scale up in operations shall remain the key rating sensitivities.

About the Company

The Derewala Group, is engaged in the manufacturing and whole sale of silver jewellery for export markets and gold jewellery for domestic market. The group, promoted by Mr Pramod Agrawal, started its business in 1986 through a proprietorship firm called Derewala Jewellery Manufacturing Company. Later in 2003, Mr Agrawal's brother, Mr Yogendra Garg joined the business and converted the proprietorship into a partnership venture Derewala Jewellery Industries. In April 2007, the promoters converted the partnership firm into a private limited company and then into a public limited company with effect from March 31st, 2008 which is now Derewala Jewellery Industries Limited. The company was renamed as Derewala Industries Limited in 2014.

The company's manufacturing facilities are located in Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP) in Sitapura Industrial Area in Jaipur. Its silver jewellery portfolio includes rings, pendants, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, findings and beaded jewellery, which is supplied to wholesalers and direct marketing companies in the US, UK, Germany and France. The gold jewellery includes chains, mesh, stamped and gold flick products which are supplied to both wholesalers as well as reputed retailers in India.

Recent Results

As per audited results, DIL reported a Profit after Tax (PAT) of Rs 7.9 crore in FY2015 on an Operating Income (OI) of Rs 619.6 crore in FY2015 as against a PAT of Rs 6.4 crore in FY2014 on an OI of Rs 540.9 crore in FY2014. DIL reported an OI of Rs 564.1 crore for 9MFY16 as against Rs 357.6 crore in 9MFY15.

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¹ Rs 1 Crore = Rs 100 Lakh = Rs 10 Million

² For complete rating scale and definitions please refer to ICRA's website www.icra.in or other ICRA Rating Publications



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