

## **Jalaram Agri Exports Private Limited**

Instrument	Amount Rated	Rating Action
Export Packing Credit <sup>^</sup>	Rs 14.00 crore (Enhanced from Rs. 7.00 crore)	[ICRA]B+/ [ICRA]A4 reaffirmed

<sup>^</sup> Includes CC sublimit of Rs. 0.25 crore and FDBP sublimit of Rs. 14.00 crore.

ICRA has reaffirmed the ratings of [ICRA]B+ (pronounced ICRA B plus) and [ICRA]A4 (pronounced ICRA A four) assigned to the Rs. 14.00 crore (enhanced from Rs. 7.00 crore) fund based facility of Jalaram Agri Exports (JAEPL)<sup>†</sup>.

The reaffirmation of the rating takes into account the firm's weak financial risk profile characterized by small net worth base, low profitability and weak coverage indicators. The rating further takes into account the exposure of the company's profitability to any adverse regulatory changes primarily related to export incentives; and fluctuations in availability and prices of traded goods subject to seasonality and crop harvest.

The rating however continues to positively consider the extensive experience of the promoter in agro commodity trading, and the steady growth in operating revenue during FY14. The rating also takes into account the favorable location of the firm giving it easy access to ports for exports and the stable prospects for export demand for various agro products.

## **Company Profile**

Jalaram Agri Exports Private Limited (JAEPL) is engaged in processing and export trading of groundnut kernels, sesame seeds and other agro products. Earlier, the business was conducted through a partnership firm (Jalaram Agri Exports) which was converted into a private limited company w.e.f. August 20, 2014. The company operates from Junagadh in Gujarat and has been promoted by Mr. Vinaykant Kotecha and his family members who have more than two decades of experience in agro commodity processing and trading business.

In FY14, JAE reported an operating income of Rs 127.69 crore and profit after tax of Rs. 0.74 crore as against an operating income of Rs.118.89 crore and profit after tax of Rs 0.45 crore during FY13.

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<sup>\* 100</sup> lakhs = 1 crore = 10 million

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> For complete rating scale and definitions, please refer to ICRA's website <u>www.icra.in</u> or other ICRA Rating Publications.



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