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## **Reliance Communications Limited**

Reliance Communications Limited (RCom) has announced that the ongoing merger of its wireless operations with Aircel Limited has been allowed to lapse by mutual consent on October 1, 2017.

The merger was aimed at deriving the benefits of consolidation, including opex and capex synergies, revenue enhancement; apart from debt refinancing. With the merger allowed to lapse by mutual consent, RCom will now have to explore alternate strategies to reduce its debt.

At present, ICRA has outstanding ratings of [ICRA]D. The ratings take into consideration the delays in debt servicing by the Group given its weak internal cash flow generation amid sizeable debt servicing obligations.

ICRA has taken a consolidated view of the RCom Group (referred to as "the Group") including RCom, Reliance Telecom Limited (RTL) and Reliance Infratel Limited (RITL).

The previous rating rationale is available on the following link:

https://www.icra.in/Rationale/ShowRationaleReport/?Id=35656



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