

Kachchh Veneers Private Limited

Instrument	Amount Rated	Rating Action
Cash Credit	(Rs. 2.00 crore)*	[ICRA]B+ reaffirmed
Letter of Credit	Rs 17.00 crore (enhanced from Rs. 12.00 crore)	[ICRA]A4 reaffirmed

^{*} Sublimit of letter of credit

ICRA has reaffirmed the long-term rating of [ICRA]B+ (pronounced ICRA B plus) to the Rs. 2.00 crore cash credit facility (sublimit of letter of credit) of Kachchh Veneers Private Limited (KVPL)[†]. ICRA has also reaffirmed the short-term rating of [ICRA]A4 (pronounced ICRA A four) to the Rs. 17.00 crore (enhanced from Rs. 12.00 crore) letter of credit facility of KVPL.

Rating Rationale

The reaffirmation of the ratings factors in the modest scale of the company's operations with low profitability and return indicators on account of low value addition nature of business. The ratings also factor in the highly competitive business environment on account of the fragmented industry structure and low entry barriers for new players. The ratings are further constrained by the vulnerability of profitability to adverse fluctuations in imported timber prices and exposure to currency fluctuations in the absence of a formal hedging policy.

The ratings, however, favourably factor in the long track record of the promoter group in the timber business coupled with the group presence across the timber value chain which benefits in terms of marketing and cross selling activities. The ratings also take into consideration the location advantage arising due to the presence of the manufacturing facility in close proximity to Kandla port. The ratings also factor in the moderate growth in the operating income of the company in FY 2014.

Company Profile

Kachchh Veneers Private Limited (KVPL) was incorporated in 1997 and is engaged in the business of manufacturing veneer, plywood, block board, flush door etc and trading of timber. The company is based out of Gandhidham (Kutch District of Gujarat), near to the Kandla port. The company is part of the "Goyal Group" who have a long standing experience in manufacture of timber products, plywood and veneers. The other entities operating under the "Goyal Group" includes, Lohit Boards & Panels Private Limited, Dolby Plyboards Private Limited, Prestige Veneers Private Limited, Goyal Timber Trades. Cha India Private Limited, and Loang Tong Tea Company.

Recent Results

During FY 2015 (provisional financials), KVPL reported an operating income of Rs. 30.25 crore and profit before tax of Rs. 0.42 crore as against an operating income of Rs. 28.92 crore and profit after tax of Rs. 0.23 crore during FY 2014.

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^{* 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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