

October 22, 2024

Kwality Pharmaceuticals Ltd.: Rating downgraded and Continues to remain under issuer Non-Cooperating category

Summary of rating action

Instrument [^]	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Long Term -Fund Based-Cash Credit	24.08	24.08	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating downgraded from [ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING and continues to remain under the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category.
Long Term-Fund Based-Term Loan	22.00	22.00	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating downgraded from [ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING and continues to remain under the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category.
Short Term-Non fund Based	9.00	9.00	[ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating downgraded from [ICRA]A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING and continues to remain under the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category.
Long Term/Short Term -Unallocated	9.92	9.92	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating downgraded from [ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING/[ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating downgraded from [ICRA]A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING and continues to remain under the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category.
Total	65.00	65.00	

*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information

[^]Instrument details are provided in Annexure-1

Rationale

The rating downgrade is attributable to the lack of adequate information regarding Kwality Pharmaceuticals Ltd. performance and hence the uncertainty around its credit risk. ICRA assesses whether the information available about the entity is commensurate with its rating and reviews the same as per its "Policy in respect of non-cooperation by a rated entity" available at www.icra.in. The lenders, investors and other market participants are thus advised to exercise appropriate caution while using this rating, as the rating may not adequately reflect the credit risk profile of the entity, despite the downgrade."

As part of its process and in accordance with its rating agreement with Kwality Pharmaceuticals Ltd., ICRA has been trying to seek information from the entity so as to monitor its performance. Further, ICRA has been sending repeated reminders to the entity for payment of surveillance fee that became due. Despite multiple requests by ICRA, the entity's management has remained non-cooperative. In the absence of requisite information and in line with the aforesaid policy of ICRA, the rating has been continued to the "Issuer Not Cooperating" category. The rating is based on the best available information.

Please refer to the following link for the previous detailed rationale that captures the Key rating drivers and their description, Liquidity position, Rating sensitivities : [Click here](#) ICRA is unable to provide the latest information because of non-cooperation by the entity.

Analytical approach

Analytical Approach	Comments
Applicable Rating Methodologies	Policy in respect of non-cooperation by the rated entity Corporate Credit Rating Methodology Rating Methodology – Pharmaceuticals
Parent/Group Support	NA
Consolidation/Standalone	Standalone

About the company

KPL was incorporated in 1983 as a private limited company, promoted by Mr. Ramesh Arora. The company was reconstituted to a closely held public limited company in 1993 and got listed on the SME platform of the Bombay Stock Exchange in July 2016 and subsequently migrated to main board of BSE Limited in June 2022. It manufactures pharmaceutical formulations in the form of injectables, tablets, capsules, and syrups. It has two units each in Amritsar (Punjab) and Kangra (Himachal Pradesh); the Kangra unit commenced production in October 2008.

Key Financial Indicator

	FY2023 (in crore)	FY2024 (in crore)
Operating income	250.99	307.17
PAT	19.47	23.98
OPBDIT/OI	24.3%	21.7%
PAT/OI	7.8%	7.8%
Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times)	0.77	0.76
Total debt/OPBDIT (times)	1.79	1.76
Interest coverage (times)	9.21	6.42

Source: MCA

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:

CRA	Status	Date of Release
CRISIL	[CRISIL]B(Stable)/[CRISIL]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	July 29, 2024.

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

	Instrument	Current Rating (FY2025)			Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years		
		Type	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Date & Rating in	Date & Rating in FY2024	Date & Rating in FY2023	Date & Rating in FY2022
				Oct 22, 2024	Aug 28, 2023	Aug 30, 2022	May 21, 2021
1	Cash Credit	Long Term	24.08	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]BBB(Stable)	[ICRA]BBB(Stable)
2	Term Loan	Long Term	22.00	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]BBB(Stable)	[ICRA]BBB(Stable)
3	Non fund Based	Short Term	9.00	[ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]A3+	[ICRA]A3+

4	Unallocated	Long Term/ Short Term	9.92	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING/ [ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]BB+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING/ [ICRA]A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]BBB(Stable)/ [ICRA]A3+	[ICRA]BBB(Stable)/ [ICRA]A3+
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Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Cash Credit	Simple
Term Loan	Simple
Non fund Based	Very Simple
Unallocated	Not Applicable

The Complexity Indicator refers to the ease with which the returns associated with the rated instrument could be estimated. It does not indicate the risk related to the timely payments on the instrument, which is rather indicated by the instrument's credit rating. It also does not indicate the complexity associated with analysing an entity's financial, business, industry risks or complexity related to the structural, transactional, or legal aspects. Details on the complexity levels of the instruments, is available on ICRA's website: [Click Here](#)

Annexure-1: Instrument details

ISIN No	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Amount Rated (RS Crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	Term Loan-I	July 2020	NA	March 2023	2.00	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Term Loan-II	July 2020	NA	March 2023	4.00	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Term Loan-III	July 2020	NA	March 2023	4.00	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Term Loan-IV	July 2020	NA	March 2023	4.00	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Term Loan-V	July 2020	NA	July 2025	8.00	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Cash Credit	-	NA	-	24.08	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Non fund Based	-	NA	-	9.00	[ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Unallocated	-	NA	-	9.92	[ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING/ [ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Source: Kwaliti Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

Annexure-2: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis: Not Applicable

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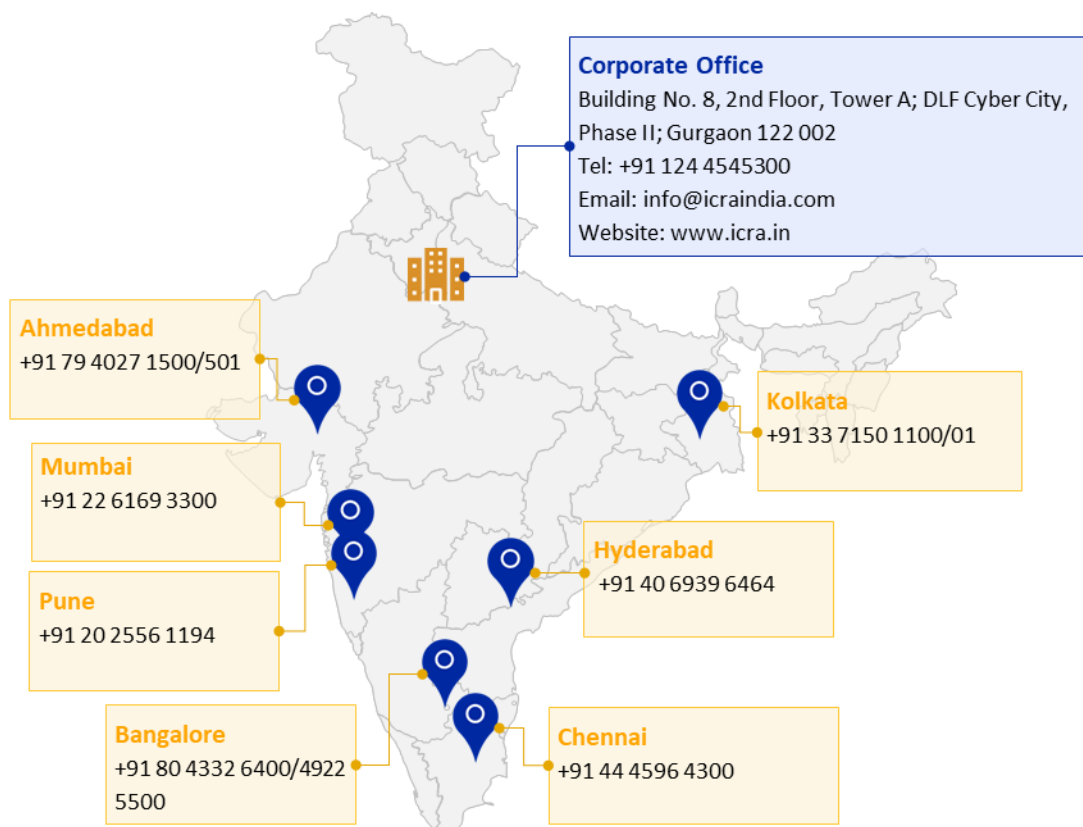


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