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Mirha Exports Private Limited: Rating reaffirmed; rated amount enhanced

Summary of rating action

Instrument*	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Short-term – Fund-based	150.00	150.00	[ICRA]A4+; reaffirmed
Short-term – Non-fund based	0.00	15.00	[ICRA]A4+; reaffirmed/assigned for enhanced amount
Total	150.00	165.00	

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure II

Rationale

The rating action for the bank facilities of Mirha Exports Private Limited (MEPL) takes into account the steady operational performance of the entity, aided by the extensive experience of its promoters, spanning over two decades in the buffalo meat processing industry. ICRA notes the integrated nature of MEPL's operations and its established relationships with customers and suppliers. Further, the entity's plants are favourably located in Punjab and Uttar Pradesh (a hub for buffalo meat processing in India), which provides it with easy access to raw materials. The rating action also considers the improvement in the consolidated revenues, which rose by 23% to Rs. 1,415 crore in FY2025 from Rs. 1,146 crore in FY2024. Moreover, the company is estimated to have achieved revenue growth of 24% in FY2026 on account of improved geographical diversification and healthy sales volumes from the key markets.

The rating, however, continues to be constrained by the limited cushion in the working capital limits of the company. This is attributed to MEPL's working capital-intensive operations and weak operating profitability, which is due to the limited value addition in its operations. ICRA, however, notes that the company has recently received an enhancement in its working capital limits, which should support its liquidity position going forward. The rating also considers the intense competition in the meat processing and exporting industry, the commoditised nature of the business, and the socio-political risks associated with the sensitive nature of the business. Further, any change in trade policies, as well as the political and economic scenario in the key meat-importing countries, can impact the Group's operations, and remains monitorable.

Key rating drivers and their description

Credit strengths

Extensive experience of promoters in buffalo meat processing industry has supported scale up of operations – MEPL is promoted by Mr. Shuab Ahmed (Chairman and MD), who has more than two decades of experience in the buffalo meat processing industry through various other firms engaged in similar businesses. Extensive experience and established relationships with buyers and suppliers have supported MEPL's operations over the years. The company, on a consolidated basis, reported healthy growth in its revenues, which rose by 23% to Rs. 1,415 crore in FY2025 from Rs. 1,146 crore in FY2024 on account of improved geographical diversification and healthy sales volumes from key markets. The company is estimated to have reported healthy growth of around 24% in FY2026 as well, reaching revenues of around Rs. 1,700 crore.

Favourable location of manufacturing facility provides easy access to buffaloes – The company's manufacturing facilities are at Unnao (Uttar Pradesh) and Dera Bassi (Punjab). These regions have a sizeable buffalo population, ensuring the easy availability of raw material.

Credit challenges

Thin operating margins – The operating profit margin has remained low at 2.0-2.5% owing to the limited value addition in the buffalo meat processing business. Coupled with the working capital-intensive nature of operations, this has also resulted in high utilisation of the working capital limits.

Commoditised nature of business and intense competition – The buffalo meat processing industry is highly fragmented and competitive because of the presence of a large number of organised players, along with numerous mid-sized players. The competition is further aggravated by other meat-exporting nations, such as Brazil. This limits the pricing flexibility and, thus, the profitability of Indian players.

Exposure to importing countries' political and economic scenario and foreign currency fluctuation risk – The company remains exposed to any changes in trade policies, as well as the political and economic scenario in the key meat-importing countries. Further, the Group's profitability is exposed to volatility in foreign currency exchange rates, as most of its revenue is derived from exports.

Inherent industry risk of disease outbreak and socio-political risks associated with sensitive nature of business – MEPL's business is exposed to the risk of disease outbreaks among the buffalo population. Further, the socio-political risks associated with the sector pose a threat to the industry as well as the Group's growth.

Liquidity position: Adequate

The company's liquidity position is adequate, with expected cash flow from operations remaining sufficient to meet the margin funding requirements for working capital. The buffer in the fund-based limits for the company (at a consolidated level) against the drawing power stood at Rs. 5 crore at the end of May 2026. The company has received an enhancement in its fund-based limits to the extent of Rs. 36 crore, which should also provide comfort going forward. Moreover, the company had cash and cash equivalents of more than Rs. 10 crore as of March 2026, which provides comfort. The absence of any external long-term debt obligations and capital expenditure plans in the near term is expected to support the liquidity position.

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – The rating may be upgraded in the event of an improvement in earnings, supported by stable export demand for buffalo meat, favourable realisations and improved cost management, resulting in an improvement in credit metrics and liquidity on a sustained basis.

Negative factors – The rating may be downgraded if any pressure on earnings results in the weakening of debt coverage metrics, with an interest cover of less than 2.5 times, on a sustained basis. Additionally, a weakening of the company's liquidity position on account of a stretch in the working capital cycle could be a negative trigger.

Analytical approach

Analytical approach	Comments
Applicable rating methodologies	Corporate Credit Rating Methodology
Parent/Group support	Not applicable
Consolidation/Standalone	The rating is based on the consolidated financials of Mirha Exports Private Limited. As of March 31, 2026, the company had two subsidiaries, whose details are shared in Annexure III.

About the company

Incorporated in September 1997, Mirha Exports Private Limited is involved in the processing and export of frozen meat products from India. In FY2005, MEPL purchased a running unit with meat processing facilities in Sahibabad, Uttar Pradesh. In April 2012, the company completed a capacity expansion at its Sahibabad unit, increasing it to 60 MT per day from 20 MT per day. In February 2011, MEPL set up an integrated meat processing plant, as certain major exporting countries mandate having a slaughterhouse to be eligible for exports. This plant is located in Joula Kurdh village in the Dera Bassi district of Punjab. At present, the plant has a capacity of 300 MT per day, which translates to about 2,400 buffaloes per day; however, utilisation is currently limited to approximately 2,000 buffaloes per day. The plant is approved by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

In FY2016, MEPL incorporated another company, AI Super Frozen Foods Private Limited (ASFFPL), to diversify its business in Uttar Pradesh. MEPL holds a 99.98% stake in ASFFPL.

Key financial indicators (audited)

Consolidated	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026*
Operating income (OI)	1,146.1	1,415.4	1,754.7
PAT	8.1	17.5	16.0
OPBDIT/OI	2.0%	2.7%	1.7%
PAT/OI	0.7%	1.2%	0.9%
Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times)	1.6	1.7	NA
Total debt/OPBDIT (times)	5.1	4.3	5.4
Interest coverage (times)	2.4	3.2	3.0

Source: Company, ICRA Research; *Provisionals; All ratios as per ICRA's calculations; Amount in Rs. crore

PAT: Profit after tax; OPBDIT: Operating profit before depreciation, interest, taxes and amortisation

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

			Current rating (FY2027)			Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years					
			FY2027			FY2026		FY2025		FY2024	
Instrument	Type	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	01-Jul-26	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating
Fund-based	Short Term	150.00	[ICRA]A4+	Apr 21, 2026	[ICRA]A4+	Dec 22, 2025	[ICRA]A4+ ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	Nov 29, 2024	[ICRA]A4+	Aug 25, 2023	[ICRA]A4+
				-	-	Jan 23, 2026	[ICRA]A4+ ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	-	-	-	-
Non-fund based-Others	Short Term	15.00	[ICRA]A4+	Apr 21, 2026	[ICRA]A4+	Dec 22, 2025	[ICRA]A4+ ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	Nov 29, 2024	[ICRA]A4+	Aug 25, 2023	[ICRA]A4+
				-	-	Jan 23, 2026	[ICRA]A4+ ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	-	-	-	-
Unallocated limits- Unallocated limits	Short Term	-	-	Apr 21, 2026	[ICRA]A4+	Dec 22, 2025	[ICRA]A4+ ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	Nov 29, 2024	[ICRA]A4+	Aug 25, 2023	[ICRA]A4+
				-	-	Jan 23, 2026	[ICRA]A4+ ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	-	-	-	-

Annexure I: Disclosure pursuant to the SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS-PoD-2/I/4685/2026 dated February 10,2026

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Sr. No.	Instrument	FSR
1	Listed/Proposed to be listed Bonds/Debentures/Preference Shares (all securities)	SEBI
2	Unlisted/Proposed to be unlisted Bonds/Debentures/ Preference share (all securities)	MCA
3	Listed PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities regulated by RBI) (*)	SEBI
4	Listed PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities not regulated by RBI) (*)	SEBI
5	Unlisted PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities regulated by RBI) (*)	RBI
6	Listed Commercial Paper and NCDs with original maturity less than 1 year	RBI
7	Unlisted Commercial Paper and NCDs with original maturity less than 1 year	RBI
8	Loan Facilities (Fund/Non-Fund Based) from Bank / NBFCs/ NHB/ FIs (\$)	RBI
9	External Commercial Borrowings/Loans from overseas branches of Indian Banks/other similar borrowings	RBI
10	Certificates of Deposit	RBI
11	Fixed Deposits raised by NBFCs, Banks, HFCs, FIs	RBI
12	Fixed Deposits raised by corporates other than NBFCs, Banks, HFCs, FIs	MCA

13	Inter Corporate Deposits/Loans extended by Corporates	MCA
14	Listed Security Receipts	SEBI
15	Unlisted Security Receipts	RBI
16	Unlisted PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities not regulated by RBI) (*)	Investor-side Regulator such as IRDAI, PFRDA (%)

(*) Includes securitisation transactions involving assignee payout, acquirer's payout.

(\$) Includes bank facilities such as liquidity facility, second loss facility that are part of securitisation transactions.

(%) These ratings were assigned prior to the introduction of SEBI CRA Circular dated Feb 10, 2026 and accordingly, investor side FSRs have been mentioned.

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3	Independent Credit Evaluation (ICE)	RBI
4	Expected Loss Ratings (For Loan Facilities [Fund/Non-Fund based] from Banks/NBFCs/NHB/FIs)	RBI
5	Expected Loss Ratings (Listed / Proposed to be listed Bonds / Debentures / Preference Shares (all securities))	SEBI
6	Expected Loss Ratings (Unlisted / Proposed to be unlisted Bonds/ Debentures / Preference Shares (all securities))	MCA
7	Credit Rating of Borrowing programme	(@)
8	Issuer Ratings	(#)
9	Monitoring Agency	SEBI
10	Research activities, incidental to rating such as research for Economy & Industries (permitted by SEBI vide SEBI Master Circular for CRAs)	NA

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Complexity level of the rated instruments

Instrument	Complexity indicator
Short-term – Fund-based	Simple
Short term-Non fund based	Simple

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 are available on ICRA's website: [Click here](#)

Annexure II: Instrument details

ISIN	Instrument name	Date of issuance	Coupon rate	Maturity	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	Current rating and outlook
NA	Short-term – Fund-based	-	-	-	150.00	[ICRA]A4+
NA	Short-term – Non Fund-based	-	-	-	15.00	[ICRA]A4+

Source: Company

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Annexure III: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Company Name	Mirha Ownership	Consolidation Approach
Mirha Exports Private Limited (Parent entity)	100% (Rated entity)	Full Consolidation
AI Super Frozen Food Private Limited	99.98%	Full Consolidation
AI Arsh Exports Private Limited	54.3%	Full Consolidation

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