

Apex Frozen Foods Limited

December 28, 2018

Summary of Rated Instrument:

Instrument	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Fund-based – Term Loan	5.59	5.59	[ICRA]BBB-(Stable) ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continue to remain in 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Fund-based – Cash Credit	45.00	45.00	[ICRA]BBB-(Stable) ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continue to remain in 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Fund Based – Short Term	45.00	45.00	[ICRA]A3 ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continue to remain in 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Non Fund based – Short term	8.00	8.00	[ICRA]A3 ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continue to remain in 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Unallocated – Long term/Short term	3.37	3.37	[ICRA]BBB-(Stable)/[ICRA]A3 ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continue to remain in 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Total	106.96	106.96	

*Issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information.

Rationale

The ratings for the Rs 106.96 crore bank facilities of Apex Frozen Foods Limited (AFFL) continue to remain in the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category. The rating is denoted as “[ICRA]BBB-(Stable)/[ICRA]A3 ISSUER NOT COOPERATING”.

ICRA has been trying to seek information from the entity so as to monitor its performance, but despite repeated requests by ICRA, the entity’s management has remained non-cooperative. The current rating action has been taken by ICRA basis best available information on the issuers’ performance. Accordingly the lenders, investors and other market participants are advised to exercise appropriate caution while using this rating as the rating may not adequately reflect the credit risk profile of the entity. In the absence of requisite information, and in line with SEBI’s Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD4/CIR/2016/119, dated November 01, 2016, ICRA’s Rating Committee has taken a rating view based on the best available information.

Analytical approach

Analytical Approach	Comments
Applicable Rating Methodologies	Corporate Credit Rating Methodology Policy in respect of non-cooperation by the rated entity
Parent/Group Support	Not Applicable
Consolidation / Standalone	The ratings are based on standalone financial profile of the company

About the company:

Apex Frozen Foods Limited (AFFL) is promoted by Mr. K.S. Choudhary and Mr. K. Satyanarayana Murthy and is into processing and exporting seafood from 1997. It was founded as a partnership firm under the name of Apex Exports in 1997, which was later converted into a private limited company in March 2012 and public limited company in 2016. The promoters have more than 18 years' experience in processing and exporting of shrimps. AFFL has a processing plant at Panasapadu, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, with an installed raw material processing facility of 45 tons per day (TPD). The company also operates through leased facility of 15 TPD.

The rating rationale on moving the rating to non-cooperating category is available on the following link: [Click here](#)

The previous detailed rating rationale is available on the following link: [Click here](#)

Key financial indicators:

	FY2017	FY2018	H1FY2019
Operating Income (Rs. crore)	699.12	998.63	494.80
PAT (Rs. crore)	24.40	79.10	41.10
OPBDIT/ OI (%)	6.48%	11.02%	11.56%
RoCE (%)	27.99%	42.81%	36.09%
Total Debt/ TNW (times)	1.16	0.28	0.33
Total Debt/ OPBDIT (times)	2.43	0.78	0.93
Interest coverage (times)	4.04	12.65	16.34

Source: Annual Reports and ICRA Research

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