

## Press Release

### **SMERA assigns its maiden Bank Loan Rating to Nirmal Fibres Private Limited**

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SME Rating Agency of India Ltd has assigned its maiden Bank Loan rating to Nirmal Fibres Private Limited (NFPL).

SMERA has assigned a rating of 'SMERA BB+' (read as SMERA Double B plus) to the ₹ 550.00 (in lakhs) cash credit facilities and 'SMERA A4+' (read as SMERA A four plus) to the ₹ 50.00 (in lakhs) Bill discounting/Letter of credit facility and ₹ 550 (in lakhs) to the Bank Guarantee facility of Nirmal Fibres Private Limited (NFPL). The outlook is 'Positive'. The rating considers NFPL's long and established standing in the Recycled Polyester Staple Fibre segment, backed by experience of the management and moderate financial profile.

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