

March 30, 2015

Facilities	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Ratings
Cash Credit	7.75	SMERA B-/Stable (Assigned)
Letter of Guarantee	2.01	SMERA A4 (Assigned)

SMERA has assigned a long-term rating of '**SMERA B-**' (read as **SMERA single B minus**) and a short-term rating of '**SMERA A4**' (read as **SMERA A four**) to the Rs.9.76 crore bank facilities of Marshall Corporation Limited (MCL). The outlook is '**Stable**'. The ratings are constrained by the company's small-scale operations and high dependence on the infrastructure and power industry. The ratings are also constrained by the company's weak liquidity position. The aforementioned weaknesses are partially offset by the company's comfortable coverage indicators and experienced management.

MCL, incorporated in 1984, is a Kolkata-based company engaged in trading and export of fly ash and classified fly ash. MCL also provides transportation services. The company has small-scale operations marked by total income of Rs.17.32 crore in FY2013-14 (refers to financial year, April 01 to March 31). MCL's business is susceptible to cyclicity in the end-user industries viz. power and infrastructure. The company has a weak liquidity position on account of stretched collection period of 182 days in FY20103-14. MCL's cash credit utilisation was high at ~97 per cent during August 2014 to January 2015. The company's drawing power (for cash credit facility) is limited to Rs.5.50 crore, against sanctioned limit of Rs.7.75 crore.

MCL's interest coverage ratio is comfortable at 1.78 times in FY2013-14. The company benefits from its experienced management. The directors of MCL have around two decades of experience in the company's line of business.

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Outlook: Stable

SMERA believes MCL will maintain a stable business risk profile over the medium term. The outlook may be revised to 'Positive' in case the company registers strong growth in revenue while achieving sustained improvement in profitability and liquidity position. The outlook may be revised to 'Negative' in case of decline in the company's revenue, or in case of stretch in the company's working capital cycle.

About the company

MCL, incorporated in 1984, is a Kolkata-based company promoted by Mr. Birpal Singh. MCL was established to take over the running business of 'Marshall Corporation', a partnership firm set up in 1971. MCL is engaged in trading and export of fly ash and classified fly ash. The company also provides transportation services. MCL mainly exports to Bangladesh.

For FY2013-14, MCL reported net profit of Rs.0.26 crore on operating income of Rs.17.32 crore, as compared with net profit of Rs.0.13 crore on operating income of Rs.18.16 crore in FY2012-13. The company's net worth stood at Rs.6.73 crore as on March 31, 2014, as compared with Rs.6.47 crore a year earlier.

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