

**Future Retail Limited (FRL): Withdrawn**

<b>Instruments</b>	<b>Amount (Rs. Crore)</b>	<b>Rating/Outlook</b>
Non-convertible Debentures (Proposed)	200.00	SMERA provisional AA (SO)/Stable (Withdrawn) *
Non-convertible Debentures (Proposed)	100.00	SMERA provisional AA (SO)/Stable (Withdrawn) *

\* Credit enhancement on account of structured payment mechanism in the form of Debt Service Reserve Account (DSRA).

SMERA has withdrawn rating of '**SMERA provisional AA (SO)/Stable**' assigned to the abovementioned instruments of Future Retail Limited (FRL) with immediate effect. FRL has not issued and has no plans to issue the above mentioned Rs. 300.00 crore non-convertible debentures (NCD's) as indicated by the management.

**About the Company**

The erstwhile Future Retail Limited (E-FRL), the flagship company of the Future Group (one of India's largest retailers), engaged mainly in home and electronics retailing and value retailing. Till FY2014-15, E-FRL was engaged in retail operations as well as owning the infrastructure assets associated with the retail operations. During FY2015-16, pursuant to a business restructuring exercise, E-FRL's retail operations and infrastructure operations were split into two separate entities namely Future Retail Limited (FRL) and Future Enterprises Limited (FEL) respectively. As per the arrangement, FRL would be carrying out the retail trade whereas all the infrastructure assets would be owned by FEL.

On October 31, 2015 (appointed date), E-FRL acquired Bharti Retail Limited (BRL) in an all- stock deal. The retail operations of E-FRL merged with Bharti Retail Limited's (BRL) retail operations and subsequently the name of the entity was changed to Future Retail Limited (FRL). The infrastructure operations of BRL merged with E-FRL's infrastructure and investment operations and subsequently name of the entity was changed to Future Enterprises Limited (FEL).

Presently FEL owns the physical assets (store formats of E-FRL and BRL including all the infrastructure assets situated in the stores) apart from strategic investments in various companies. FRL is operating all the retail formats. Mr. Kishore Biyani continues to be associated as a promoter of both, FEL and FRL. As on March 31, 2016, FRL operates 738 stores with 12.96 Mn. Sq.Ft. spread across 221 cities. It includes 218 Big Bazaar stores, 320 Easy Day, 92 E-Zone, 43 Home Town and rest other formats.

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