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Facilities	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Ratings
Term Loan	17.00	SMERA B-/Stable (Assigned)
Cash Credit	7.50	SMERA B-/Stable (Assigned)
Letter of Credit	9.00	SMERA A4 (Assigned)
Bank Guarantee	1.50	SMERA A4 (Assigned)
Forward contract	0.50	SMERA A4 (Assigned)

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Outlook: Stable

SMERA believes EPL will maintain a stable business risk profile in the medium term on account of its modest scale of operations and healthy revenue growth. The outlook may be revised to 'Positive' if the company registers higher-than-expected growth in revenues and net cash accruals while maintaining better profit margins. Conversely, the outlook may be revised to 'Negative' in case of lower-than-expected growth in revenues and profitability or deterioration in the financial risk profile.

Rating Sensitivity Factors

- Scaling up of operations and improvement in profitability
- Improvement in Capital structure

About the Company

EPL, established in 2011 is a Kolkata-based company engaged in the manufacture of PET Preforms used in making bottles. The company's factory is located at West Bengal. The overall operations are managed by the Directors, Mr. Sumit Poddar and Shri Ashok Surana.

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For FY2014–15, BFL reported profit after tax (PAT) of Rs. (5.51) crore on total operating income of Rs.56.45 crore, as compared with (PAT) of Rs.(5.62) crore on total operating income of Rs.41.76 crore in FY2013–14.

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