

## Press Release

### Paramount Content Syndicators Private Limited (PCSPL)

21 August, 2017



#### Rating Assigned

<b>Total Bank Facilities Rated*</b>	Rs.14.50 Cr
<b>Long Term Rating</b>	SMERA B/Outlook: Stable

\*Refer Annexure for details

#### Rating Rationale

SMERA has assigned long-term rating of '**SMERA B**' (**read as SMERA B**) on the Rs.14.50 crore bank facilities of Paramount Content Syndicators Private Limited (PCSPL). The outlook is '**Stable**'.

Paramount Content Syndicators Private Limited, incorporated in 2013 is a Mumbai-based content aggregation company. Promoted by Ms. Chitra Deshmukh and Mr. Mukesh Bhatt, the company sources content from producers and content owners and sells the same to large media companies or channel broadcasters, mainly regional channels.

#### Key Rating Drivers

##### **Strengths**

**Experienced management:** The promoters, Ms. Chitra Deshmukh and Mr. Mukesh Bhatt have more than a decade of experience in the media and entertainment industry.

**Growth in revenue Y-o-Y:** The operating income increased to Rs.103.24 crore in FY2017 (Provisional) from Rs.63.45 crore in FY2016 and Rs.52.22 crore in FY2015 on account of increased demand for content services.

**Comfortable working capital cycle:** The company has a comfortable GCA (gross current assets) of 52 days for FY2017 (Provisional) as against 2 days in FY2016. This is mainly on account of debtor days of 52 and 0 days of holding period of inventories for FY2017 (Provisional). Further, the utilisation of working capital stood at ~90.00 percent.

##### **Weaknesses**

**Limited track record of operations and thin profitability:** PCSPL has limited operational track record. The company's profitability has been thin marked by operating margin of 1.26 percent and Profit after tax (PAT) of 0.93 percent for FY2017 (Provisional) as against operating margin of 0.08 percent and PAT margin of 0.05 percent in the previous year. The profitability margin remained low due to the trading nature of business.

**Weak financial risk profile and liquidity position:** The financial risk profile has been weak marked by net worth of Rs.4.20 crore out of which Rs.2.07 crore is quasi equity and high gearing (debt-to equity ratio) of 3.36 times as on 31 March, 2017 (Provisional). The Interest coverage ratio (ICR) stood at 3.86 times for FY2017. SMERA believes that the gearing and coverage indicators will deteriorate further with the addition of working capital which is likely to increase interest cost and exert pressure on coverage indicators. Furthermore, SMERA believes that the company will have lower liquidity marked by lower cash accruals positions as against its repayment obligations of Rs.2.80 crore. However, the promoters plan to pay off repayment obligations through an unsecured loan.

**Intense competition:** The company is exposed to intense competition from organised and unorganised players in the media industry.

**Analytical Approach:** SMERA has considered the standalone business and financial risk profile of the company.

**Outlook: Stable**

SMERA believes that the outlook of PCSPL will remain stable in the medium term on account of the extensive experience of its promoters. The outlook may be revised to 'Positive' in case of higher than expected revenue and profitability leading to improvement in its debt protection metrics. Conversely, the outlook may be revised to 'Negative' in case of decline in revenue and profitability leading to deterioration in its liquidity profile or financial risk profile.

**About the Rated Entity - Key Financials**

For FY2016-17 (Provisional), the company reported profit after tax (PAT) of Rs.0.97 crore on operating income of Rs.103.24 crore, compared to net profit of Rs.0.03 crore on operating income of Rs.63.45 crore in FY2015-16. The net worth stood at Rs.4.20 crore as on 31 March, 2017 as against Rs.0.49 crore a year earlier. (Net worth includes subordinated quasi equity of Rs.2.07 crore as on 31 March 2017)

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA- Not Applicable**

**Any other information:** Not Applicable

**Applicable Criteria:**

- Application of Financial Ratios and Adjustments -<https://www.smera.in/criteria-fin-ratios.htm>
- Default Recognition -<https://www.smera.in/criteria-default.htm>

**Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument**

<https://www.smera.in/criteria-complexity-levels.htm>

**Rating History (Upto last three years)**

Not Applicable

**\*Annexure - Details of instruments rated**

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
Dropline Overdraft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	14.00	SMERA B/ Stable
Proposed Bank Facility	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.50	SMERA B / Stable

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