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CARE REVISES THE RATING ASSIGNED TO THE NCD ISSUE (SERIES XX) OF HINDUSTAN ORGANIC CHEMICALS LIMITED: CREDIT WATCH REMOVED

Ratings

Instrument	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Remarks
Redeemable Non-Convertible Unsecured Taxable Bonds / NCD*	100 (Rupees One hundred crore only)	CARE D [Single D]	Revised from CARE 'AAA(SO)' [Triple A (Structured obligation)]; credit watch removed

****backed by unconditional and irrevocable guarantee from the Government of India (GOI) for timely payment of interest and repayment of principal subject to terms and conditions and structured payment mechanism as per the guarantee/trusteeship document submitted to CARE. The GOI guarantee will continue to be valid even in the event of referral of Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited (HOCL) to the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under SICA, 1985.***

CARE has assigned the rating solely based on the strength of an unconditional and irrevocable guarantee from GOI executed through the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. The rating revision takes into account failure to fund the designated account by HOCL/GOI on due date leading to delay in interest payment to the bondholders. Rating watch has been removed.

Background

Incorporated on December 12, 1960, HOCL, a GOI enterprise (of which GOI holds 58.78% equity as on March 31, 2016) and under the administrative control of Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC) - Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, manufactures organic chemicals (aniline, phenol, acetone, formaldehyde, etc). HOCL has two manufacturing facilities situated at Rasayani, Maharashtra and Kochi, Kerala with a combined installed capacity of 349,495 TPA. Also, HOCL is the sole indigenous manufacturer of the liquid rocket propellant N2O4 in India, which is supplied to ISRO.

During FY16 (refers to the period April 1 to March 31), HOCL reported a net loss of Rs.173.91 crore on a total operating income of Rs.114.72 crore as compared to net loss of Rs.215.49 crore on a total operating income of Rs.152.48 crore during FY15.

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