

December 04, 2023

Stove Kraft Limited: Update on Material Event

Summary of rating action

| Instrument* | Previous Rated Amount | Current Rated Amount | Rating Action | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| instrument | (Rs. crore) | (Rs. crore) | Nating Action | |
| Long-term – Fund-based (Cash Credit) | 90.00 | 90.00 | [ICRA]A-(Stable); outstanding | |
| Long-term – Term Loan | 30.98 | 30.98 | [ICRA]A-(Stable); outstanding | |
| Long-term/ Short-term - | (35.00) | (35.00) | [ICRA]A-(Stable)/[ICRA]A2+; outstanding | |
| Interchangeable | | | [Terry] (Stable) [Terry] (21) outstaining | |
| Short-term – Non-fund Based | 35.00 | 35.00 | [ICRA]A2+; outstanding | |
| Total | 155.98 | 155.98 | | |

^{*}Instrument details are provided in Annexure-I

Rationale

Material Event

The Income Tax (IT) department conducted search operations at the company premises in Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh and the company notified the same to the stock exchanges on November 22, 2023.

Further, vide a filing dated November 27, the company notified the stock exchanges regarding the conclusion of search operations by the IT department and resumption of normal services.

Impact of the material event

Based on the discussions with the management, ICRA understands that there is no material impact on the business operations and operations of the bank accounts of the company as on date. ICRA would continue to monitor closely on the developments related to the IT survey and would take appropriate rating action, if necessary. ICRA notes that the company's liquidity position continues to remain adequate with moderate utilisation of cash credit limit.

Please refer to the following link for the previous detailed rationale that captures the key rating drivers and their description, liquidity position and rating sensitivities: <u>Click here</u>

Analytical approach

| Analytical Approach | Comments | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Applicable rating methodologies Corporate Credit Rating Methodology | | | |
| Parent/Group support | Not Applicable | | |
| Consolidation/Standalone | For arriving at the ratings, ICRA has considered the standalone financials of SKL. | | |

About the company

Incorporated in 1999 by Mr. Rajendra Gandhi, SKL is involved in manufacturing and retailing a wide range of kitchen solutions under the 'Pigeon' and 'Gilma' brands. It acts as an exclusive partner for kitchen appliances of the Black + Decker brand. SKL's products comprise cookware and cooking appliances across brands, while its home solutions consist of various household utilities, including LED bulbs and oxymeters. The company sells its products through its dealer distributor network, e-commerce platforms and a few exclusive brand outlets. The company operates through nine C&F agents (for custom clearance), over 700 distributors and through more than 1,21,000 retail outlets (with 65 exclusive Gilma stores) across 27 states and five union territories in India. It exports Pigeon products to 12 countries and acts as a vendor to principals like Walmart Inc. in the US and Mexico.

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SKL has two manufacturing plants in Bangalore and Baddi (Himachal Pradesh), with a production capacity of 2.23 crore units of pressure cookers, induction cookers, LPG stoves, mixer grinders, etc. It forayed into LED manufacturing in FY2019 from its Bangalore facility, which has a production capacity of 75,000 bulbs a day. ICRA has noted that 9.08% of the promoter's shareholding is pledged.

Key financial indicators (audited)

| SKL Standalone | FY2022 | FY2023 | H1 FY2024* |
|--|---------|---------|------------|
| Operating income | 1,136.4 | 1,283.8 | 677.5 |
| PAT | 56.2 | 35.8 | 24.7 |
| OPBDITA/OI | 8.6% | 7.7% | 9.4% |
| PAT/OI | 4.9% | 2.8% | 3.7% |
| Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times) | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.5 |
| Total debt/OPBDITA (times) | 1.6 | 2.4 | 1.9 |
| Interest coverage (times) | 6.8 | 6.0 | 6.0 |

PAT: Profit after tax; OPBDITA: Operating profit before depreciation, interest, taxes and amortisation; Amount in Rs crore; *Unaudited results

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

| | Instrument | Current rating (FY2024) | | | Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Туре | Amount rated (Rs. crore) | Amount outstanding as of Mar 31, 2023 (Rs. crore) | Date & rating in FY2024 | Date & rating in FY2023 | Date & rating in FY2022 | | Date & rating in FY2021 | |
| | | | | | Dec 04, 2023 | Feb 16, 2023 | Dec 15, 2021 | Jul 02, 2021 | Feb 09, 2021 | Oct 08, 2020 |
| 1 | Cash credit | Long-term | 90.00 | - | [ICRA]A- (Stable) | [ICRA]A- (Stable) | [ICRA]A- (Positive) | [ICRA]A- (Stable) | [ICRA]BBB+ (Positive) | [ICRA]BBB (Stable) |
| 2 | Term Loan | Long-term | 30.98 | 17.14 | [ICRA]A- (Stable) | [ICRA]A- (Stable) | [ICRA]A- (Positive) | [ICRA]A- (Stable) | [ICRA]BBB+ (Positive) | [ICRA]BBB (Stable) |
| 3 | Non-Fund based | Short-term | 35.00 | - | [ICRA]A2+ | [ICRA]A2+ | [ICRA]A2+ | [ICRA]A2+ | [ICRA]A2 | [ICRA]A3+ |
| 4 | Interchangeable | Long-term/ short term | (35.00) | - | [ICRA]A- (Stable) / [ICRA]A2+ | [ICRA]A- (Stable) / [ICRA]A2+ | [ICRA]A- (Positive)/ [ICRA]A2+ | [ICRA]A- (Stable)/ [ICRA]A2+ | [ICRA]BBB+ (Positive)/ [ICRA]A2 | [ICRA]BBB (Stable)/ [ICRA]A3+ |

Complexity level of the rated instruments

| Instrument | Complexity Indicator |
|--|----------------------|
| Long Term - Fund Based (Cash Credit) | Simple |
| Long Term – Term Loan | Simple |
| Long Term/Short Term – Interchangeable | Simple |
| Short Term – Non-Fund based | Very simple |

The Complexity Indicator refers to the ease with which the returns associated with the rated instrument could be estimated. It does not indicate the risk related to the timely payments on the instrument, which is rather indicated by the instrument's credit rating. It also does not indicate the complexity associated with analysing an entity's financial, business, industry risks or complexity related to the structural, transactional or legal aspects. Details on the complexity levels of the instruments are available on ICRA's website: Click Here

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Annexure I: Instrument details

| ISIN | Instrument Name | Date of Issuance | Coupon Rate | Maturity | Amount Rated (Rs. crore) | Current Rating and Outlook |
|------|--|---------------------|----------------|----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| NA | Long-term – Fund-based (Cash Credit) | NA | NA | NA | 90.00 | [ICRA]A-(Stable) |
| NA | Long-term – Term Loan | FY2022 | NA | FY2026 | 30.98 | [ICRA]A-(Stable) |
| NA | Long-term/ Short-term – Interchangeable | NA | NA | NA | (35.00) | [ICRA]A-(Stable) / [ICRA]A2+ |
| NA | Short-term – Non-fund Based | NA | NA | NA | 35.00 | [ICRA]A2+ |

Source: Company

Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis – Not Applicable

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