

## March 29, 2025

# **Kitex Garments Limited: Ratings Withdrawn**

## Summary of rating action

Instrument*	Previous rated amount (Rs. crore)	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Rating action	
Short term - Fund-based Limits – Working Capital Facilities	185.00	185.00	[ICRA]A2+; withdrawn	
Short term - Non-Fund based Limits – Working Capital Facilities	20.00	20.00	[ICRA]A2+; withdrawn	
Long term/Short term - Unallocated	20.02	20.02	[ICRA]A (Stable)/[ICRA]A2+; withdrawn	
Short term - Non-Fund based Limits – Credit Exposure Limits	18.00	18.00	[ICRA]A2+; withdrawn	
Total	243.02	243.02		

\*Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

## Rationale

ICRA has withdrawn the rating assigned to the bank facilities of Kitex Garments Limited (KGL) at the request of the company & based on the no objection certificate received from its lender and in accordance with ICRA's policy on withdrawal of credit ratings. ICRA does not have information to suggest that the credit risk has changed since the time the rating was last reviewed.

The key rating drivers, liquidity position, rating sensitivities and key financial indicators have not been captured as the rated instruments are being withdrawn The previous detailed rating rationale is available at the following link: <u>Click here</u>

## **Analytical approach**

Analytical approach	Comments			
	Corporate Credit Rating Methodology			
Applicable rating methodologies	Textiles – Apparels			
	Policy on withdrawal of Credit Ratings			
Parent/Group support	Not applicable			
Consolidation/Standalone	For arriving at the ratings, ICRA has consolidated the business and financial risk profiles of KGL and KCL (collectively referred to as the Kitex Group), owing to the common management and strong linkages among them.			

## About the company

Kitex Childrenswear Ltd (KCL) was incorporated in 1991 and is managed by Mr. Sabu Jacob. KCL, along with its Group company, KGL, manufactures and exports infantwear to apparel retailers in the US and other developed markets. The Group has an integrated manufacturing facility at Kizhakkambalam (Kerala) with production capacity of around 8.62 lakh pieces per day. The Kitex Group established a marketing and design unit in the US in FY2015 (equally held by KGL and KCL) to diversify its business profile and reduce dependence on its key customers. The Group is in the process of setting up two new large, integrated manufacturing units at Warangal and Sitarampur in Telangana across two phases, which are expected to commercialise by March 2025 and March 2027, respectively.

#### Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

#### Any other information: None



# **Rating history for past three years**

		Current rating (FY2025)						Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years				
Instrument	Туре	Amount rated	Date & rating in FY2025			Date & rating in FY2024	Date & rating in FY2023		Date & rating in FY2022			
		(Rs	(Rs. crore)	March 20	Jan 7, 2025	Jul 5, 2024	Jun 30, 2023	Mar 31, 2023	Mar 04, 2022	Oct 01, 2021	Jul 20,2021	
1	Fund-based Limits – Working Capital Facilities	Short Term	185.00	[ICRA]A2+; withdrawn	[ICRA]A2+	[ICRA]A2+	[ICRA]A1	[ICRA]A1	[ICRA]A1	[ICRA]A1+@	[ICRA]A1+	
2	Non-Fund based Limits – Working Capital Facilities	Short Term	20.00	[ICRA]A2+; withdrawn	[ICRA]A2+	[ICRA]A2+	[ICRA]A1	[ICRA]A1	[ICRA]A1	[ICRA]A1+@	[ICRA]A1+	
3	Unallocated	Long Term / Short Term	20.02	[ICRA]A (Stable)/ [ICRA]A2+; withdrawn	[ICRA]A (Stable)/ [ICRA]A2+	[ICRA]A (Negative)/ [ICRA]A2+	[ICRA]A+ (Negative)/ [ICRA]A1	[ICRA]A+ (Stable) / [ICRA]A1	[ICRA]A+ (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1	[ICRA]AA- @/ [ICRA]A1+@	[ICRA]AA- (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+	
4	Non-Fund based Limits – Credit Exposure Limits	Short Term	18.00	[ICRA]A2+; withdrawn	[ICRA]A2+	[ICRA]A2+	[ICRA]A1	[ICRA]A1	-	-	-	

@: Rating Watch with Negative implications

# **Complexity level of the rated instruments**

Instrument	Complexity indicator
Fund-based - working capital facilities	Very Simple
Non-fund based working capital facilities	Very Simple
Unallocated limits	Not Applicable
Non-fund-based Credit Exposure Limits	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: <u>Click here</u>



#### **Annexure I: Instrument details**

ISIN	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	Fund-based Limits – Working Capital Facilities	NA	NA	NA	185.00	[ICRA]A2+; Withdrawn
NA	Non-Fund based Limits – Working Capital Facilities	NA	NA	NA	20.00	[ICRA]A2+; Withdrawn
NA	Unallocated	NA	NA	NA	20.02	[ICRA]A(Stable)/ [ICRA]A2+; Withdrawn
NA	Non-Fund based Limits – Credit Exposure Limits	NA	NA	NA	18.00	[ICRA]A2+; Withdrawn

Source: Company

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## Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Company Name	Ownership	Consolidation Approach
Kitex Littlewear Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Kitex Babywear Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Kitex Socks Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Kitex Packs Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Kitex Knits Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Kitex Kidswear Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Kitex USA LLC (note 1)	50%	Equity method
Kitex Apparel Parks Limited	70%	Full Consolidation
Kitex Herbals Limited (note 2)	-	Full Consolidation
Kitex Infantwear Limited (note 2)	-	Full Consolidation
Kitex Apparels Limited (note 2)	-	Full Consolidation

Source: Company

Note 1 - Kitex USA LLC is a 50:50 joint venture between KGL and KCL

Note 2 – These entities are subsidiaries of KCL



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