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Vedika Credit Capital Ltd: Rating confirmed as final for SNs backed by microfinance loan receivables issued by Vedika Credit Capital Ltd

Summary of rating action

Trust Name	Instrument*	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Sky 01 2024 Trust	Series A1 SN	30.15	[ICRA]A(SO); provisional rating confirmed as final

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

Rationale

In January 2024, ICRA had assigned a Provisional [ICRA]A(SO) rating to the Series A1 SN issued by Sky 01 2024 Trust. The SNs are backed by receivables from a Rs. 40.23-crore (receivables; pool principal amount of Rs. 33.50 crore) pool of microfinance loan receivables originated by Vedika Credit Capital Ltd. (VCCL). Since the executed transaction documents are in line with the rating conditions and the legal opinion for the transaction has been provided to ICRA, the said rating has now been confirmed as final.

Key rating drivers

Credit strengths

- Availability of credit enhancement in the form of EIS, subordination and cash collateral
- Absence of overdue contracts as on pool cut-off date

Credit challenges

- Geographically concentrated pool at state level with top three states having 76.16% share as on the cut-off date
- Performance of pool would remain exposed to natural calamities that may impact the income generating capability of the borrower, given the marginal borrower profile; further, pool performance would also be exposed to political and communal risks.
- Performance of the pool would remain exposed to macro-economic shocks / business disruptions, if any

Description of key rating drivers highlighted above

The first line of support for Series A1 SN in the transaction is in the form of over-collateralisation (i.e. subordination) of 10.00% of the pool principal. Further credit support is available in the form of an EIS of 12.41% and a CC of 11.00% of the initial pool principal (i.e. Rs. 3.69 crore) provided by VCCL.

As per the transaction structure, the monthly cash flow schedule comprises the promised interest payment to Series A1 SN at the predetermined interest rate on the principal outstanding. The principal repayment to Series A1 SN is promised on the last payout date. During the tenure of Series A1 SN, the collections from the pool, after making the promised interest payouts, will be used to make the expected principal payouts to Series A1 SN. This principal payout is not promised and any shortfall in making the expected principal payment to Series A1 SN would be carried forward to the subsequent payout. The EIS, if any, shall flow back to the originator on every payout date after making all the payouts to Series A1 SN as per the waterfall mechanism. Also, in the event of a shortfall in meeting the promised SN payouts during any month, the trustee will utilise the CC to meet the same.

There were no overdues in the pool as on the cut-off date. The geographical concentration of the loan contracts in the current pool is high with the top 3 states constituting 76.16% of the pool principal. The pool consists of monthly paying loan contracts, with relatively low weighted average seasoning (~3months) and pre-securitisation amortisation (19.2%). The performance of

the pool would be exposed to political and communal risks and natural calamities that may impact the income-generating capability of the borrower. Also, it would remain exposed to fresh disruptions that may arise due to any unforeseen macro-economic shock.

Past rated pools performance: ICRA has rated seven standalone SN transactions of VCCL in the past, including two which have matured. The live pools had 100% cumulative collection efficiency with nil CC utilisation as per the February 2024 payouts

Key rating assumptions

ICRA’s cash flow modelling for rating asset-backed securitisation (ABS) transactions involves the simulation of potential delinquencies, losses (shortfall in principal collection during the tenor of the pool) and prepayments in the pool. The assumptions for the loss and coefficient of variation (CoV) are arrived at after taking into account the performance of the originator’s portfolio as well as the characteristics of the specific pool being evaluated. Additionally, the assumptions may be adjusted to factor in the current operating environment and any industry-specific factors that ICRA believes could impact the performance of the underlying pool of contracts.

After making these adjustments, the expected mean shortfall in principal collection during the tenure of the pool is estimated at 4.0-5.0% of the initial pool principal, with certain variability around it. The prepayment rate for the underlying pool is estimated in the range of 3.0-9.0% per annum.

Liquidity position: Superior for Series A1 SN

The liquidity for Series A1 SN is superior after factoring in the credit enhancement available to meet the promised payouts to the investor. The total credit enhancement would be more than 6 times the estimated loss in the pool.

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – The sustained strong collection performance of the underlying pool of contracts (monthly collection efficiency >95%), leading to lower-than-expected delinquency levels, and an increase in the cover available for future investor payouts from the CE would result in a rating upgrade.

Negative factors – The sustained weak collection performance of the underlying pool of contracts (monthly collection efficiency <90%), leading to higher-than-expected delinquency levels and higher CE utilisation levels, would result in a rating downgrade. Weakening in the credit profile of the servicer could also exert pressure on the rating.

Analytical approach

The rating actions are based on the trustee confirming compliance with the terms of the transaction and the executed transaction documents being in line with the terms initially shared with ICRA.

Analytical Approach	Comments
Applicable Rating Methodologies	Rating Methodology for Securitisation Transactions
Parent/Group Support	Not Applicable
Consolidation/Standalone	Not Applicable

About the originator

Vedika Credit Capital Ltd is a Non-Deposit taking, Non-Banking Finance Company. The Company was originally registered as a Private Limited Company but was later converted into a Public Limited Company in November 1995. It was recognized and re-registered to carry out the business of Non-Banking Finance Company with approval from Reserve Bank of India in March 1998. Until February 2004 the company was involved in stock broking activities with its earlier owners. In February 2004, its present owners who stopped stock broking activities and started finance activities purchased the company. The purchasers of the

Company were carrying out financing activity through Sole Proprietorship form of business organization. All the business thereafter was diverted to Vedika. Since 2007, the company is into Micro Finance product like Joint Liability Groups loans and Individual Loans. For 9MFY2024, the AUM on books stood at Rs. 818.59 crore.

Key financial indicators

Particulars	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	9MFY2024
	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Provisional)
Total income	123.48	106.19	112.87	166.60	157.06
Profit after tax	-17.16	4.71	23.25	17.01	16.82
Total Assets	530.24	435.52	758.92	918.48	1044.41
Gross NPA (%)	1.81%	2.21%	2.01%	0.89%	0.80%
Net NPA (%)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Amount in Rs. crore

Source: Company's financial statements, ICRA Research

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

Sr No	Trust Name	Current Rating (FY2024)				Chronology of Rating History for the Past 3 Years			
		Instrument	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Date & Rating		Date & Rating in FY2023	Date & Rating in FY2022	Date & Rating in FY2021
					Feb 26,2024	Jan 29,2024			
1	Sky 01 2024 Trust	Series A1 SN	30.15	30.15	[ICRA]A(SO)	Provisional [ICRA]A(SO)	-	-	-

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Series A1 SN	Moderately Complex

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](#)

Annexure I: Instrument details

Trust Name	Instrument	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date*	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating
Sky 01 2024 Trust	Series A1 SN	January 2024	11.25%	June 2025	30.15	[ICRA]A(SO)

* Scheduled SN maturity date at transaction initiation; may change on account of prepayments

Source: Company

Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not Applicable

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