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Lucknow Medical Agencies: Continues to remain under issuer non-cooperating category

Summary of rating action

Instrument [^]	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Long Term-Fund Based-Cash Credit	6.50	6.50	[ICRA]B(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Total	6.50	6.50	

*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information.

[^]Instrument details are provided in Annexure-1

Rationale

ICRA has kept the long-term rating of Lucknow Medical Agencies in the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category. The rating is denoted as [ICRA]B (Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING.

As part of its process and in accordance with its rating agreement with Lucknow Medical Agencies, ICRA has been trying to seek information from the entity so as to monitor its performance. Further, ICRA has been sending repeated reminders to the entity for payment of surveillance fee that became due. Despite multiple requests by ICRA, the entity's management has remained non-cooperative. In the absence of requisite information and in line with the aforesaid policy of ICRA, the rating has been continued to the "Issuer Not Cooperating" category. The rating is based on the best available information.

Please refer to the following link for the previous detailed rationale that captures Key rating drivers and their description, Liquidity position, Rating sensitivities, Key financial indicators: [Click here](#) ICRA is unable to provide the latest information because of non-cooperation by the entity.

Analytical approach

Analytical Approach	Comments
Applicable Rating Methodologies	Policy in respect of non-cooperation by the rated entity Corporate Credit Rating Methodology Pharmaceuticals
Parent/Group Support	NA
Consolidation/Standalone	Standalone

About the company

Established in 1999 as a partnership firm, LMA has been engaged in the wholesaling and distribution of pharmaceutical drugs in the domestic market for more than a decade in Delhi. The firm's product portfolio consists of more than 9,000 branded drugs, which are procured directly through the pharma manufacturers. Some of the key suppliers include Cipla Ltd., Sun Pharma Limited, Sanofi India Ltd., Abbott India Ltd. etc. LMA's operating income has witnessed steady growth over the years aided by deeper penetration in the existing markets. Further, addition of new suppliers thereby resulting in enhanced product portfolio has also supported volume growth for the firm. Post FY13, LMA's revenues have witnessed significant growth in the

operating income owing to increasing volume along with marginal increase in the realizations which have been transferred by the pharmaceutical companies to the distributors. Going forward, the firm's revenues are expected to derive support from the management's increasing focus on expanding its presence and adding new suppliers.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:

CRA	Rating Action	Date of Release
CARE	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	June 27, 2024

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

Instrument	Current rating (FY2025)			Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years		
	Type	Amount Rated (Rs. Crore)	Date & Rating in	Date & Rating in FY2024	Date & Rating in FY2023	Date & Rating in FY2022
			21-November-2024	17-October-2023	22-July-2022	26-May-2021
1 Fund Based-Cash Credit	Long Term	6.50	[ICRA]B(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]B(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]B(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]B(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Fund Based-Cash Credit	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, is available on ICRA's website: [Click Here](#)

Annexure-1: Instrument details

ISIN No	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Amount Rated (RS Crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	Fund Based-Cash Credit	NA	NA	NA	6.50	[ICRA]B(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Source: Lucknow Medical Agencies

Annexure-2: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis: Not applicable

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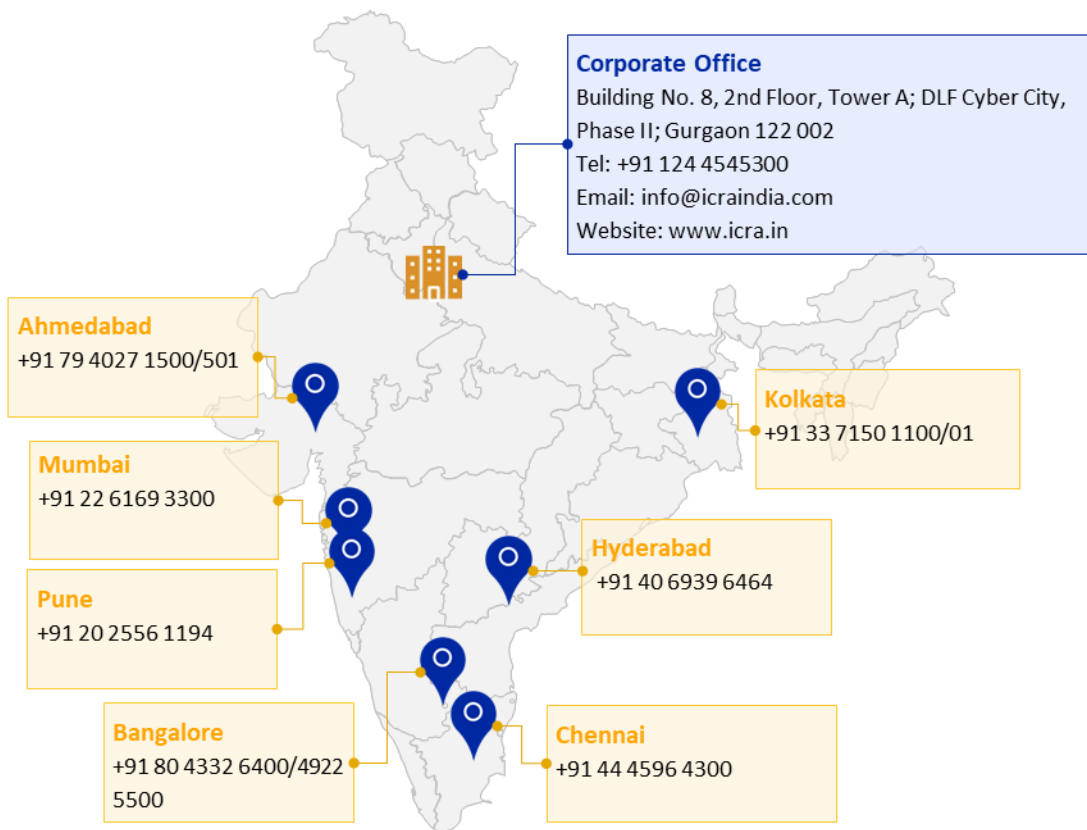
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