

Date: August 13, 2024

To,
The Chief General Manager
Department of Corporate Services/ Listing
BSE Limited
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Scrip Code: 512329

<u>Sub: Intimation in respect of Credit Ratings under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015</u>

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 30 (read with Schedule III) of the SEBI Listing Regulations, we wish to inform you that, after due consideration, CRISIL Ratings Limited ("CRISIL") has assigned following ratings:

Total Bank Loan Facilities Rated	Rs. 600 Crore
Long Term Rating	CRISIL A/Stable (Assigned)
Short Term Rating	CRISIL A1 (Assigned)

A copy of the letter dated August 12, 2024, as received from CRISIL in this regard, is enclosed herewith.

We request you to take the above on record and the same be treated as compliance under the provisions of the SEBI Listing Regulations and any other provisions as applicable in this regard.

This is for your kind information and necessary records.

Thanking You.

Yours faithfully,

For SG Mart Limited

Sachin Kumar Company Secretary & Compliance Officer ICSI M. No. A61525

Enc.: As above



Rating Rationale

August 12, 2024 | Mumbai

SG Mart Limited

'CRISIL A/Stable/CRISIL A1' assigned to Bank Debt

Rating Action

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1 crore = 10 million

Refer to Annexure for Details of Instruments & Bank Facilities

Detailed Rationale

CRISIL Ratings has assigned its 'CRISIL A/Stable/CRISIL A1' ratings to the bank loan facilities of SG Mart Ltd (SG Mart).

The promoters, Mr. Dhruv Gupta (son of Mr. Sameer Gupta, who is the Managing Director of Apollo Pipes Limited; CRISIL A/Stable/CRISIL A1) and Mrs. Meenakshi Gupta (wife of Mr. Sameer Gupta) acquired SG Mart (erstwhile Kintech Renewables Ltd) in April 2023, and since then, the company has been trading in building products. It has more than 1,700 products in its portfolio, with hot-rolled (HR) coils, cut-to-length (CTL) HR coils and thermos mechanically treated (TMT) bars accounting for bulk of revenue. Further the company is co-branding its TMT bars under the brand APL Apollo SG TMT.

The company has recorded revenue of Rs 2,683 crore in fiscal 2024, with revenue scaling up from Rs 151 crore in the first quarter to Rs 1,277 crore in the fourth quarter. The company is planning to scale up substantially and has articulated scaling up over Rs 18,000 crores in the next 3 fiscals. Operating margin should remain stable in the range of at 2.3–2.5% given the trading nature of business, in line with 2.3% reported in fiscal 2024.

Capital structure should remain strong, supported by equity infusion of over Rs 1,000 crore in fiscal 2024. The total outside liabilities to adjusted networth (TOL/ANW) ratio is expected to remain below one time in the medium term, as against 0.37 time as on March 31, 2024. Debt coverage is healthy with interest cover at 8 times in fiscal 2024 and should remain between 5 and 6 times in the coming fiscals. Cash and cash equivalents of Rs 1,126 crore as on March 31, 2024, also aid liquidity.

The rating draws strength from the expectation of healthy growth in scale over the next few fiscals, efficient working capital management and the healthy distribution network of the company. The rating is partially constrained by exposure to intense competition in the building products trading business.

Analytical Approach

The CRISIL Ratings has combined the business and financial risk profile of SG Mart and its subsidiaries and taken a consolidated approach.

Please refer Annexure - List of Entities Consolidated, which captures the list of entities considered and their analytical treatment of consolidation.

<u>Key Rating Drivers & Detailed Description</u> Strengths:

• Healthy scale up in revenue, supported by a healthy distribution network: SG Mart was acquired in April 2023, since then the company has been able to achieve a healthy ramp up in its revenue, with revenue scaling up quarter-on-quarter from Rs. 151 crores in Q1 fiscal 2024 to Rs. 1,277 crores in Q4 fiscal 2024. The revenue is expected to grow double digits in the next 3 fiscals between fiscal 2025 and fiscal 2027.

The company has a healthy and growing network. Products are supplied throughout India via 220 dealers operating through 5 warehouses (including its 2 CTL service stations). It has 2 CTL service stations currently and plans to add 8 more stations by end of fiscal 2025. As CTL is a value-added service, the segment is likely to support growth in revenue and profitability.

• Well laid out policies minimizing inventory and debtor risk: Clients are billed directly to manufacturers (billed to ship contracts), which reduces the inventory days to a minimal level for SG Mart. The company maintains inventory days of 5-6 days barring CTL HR Coil products which have inventory days of 15 days. The inventory holding period is expected to remain low at an average of 10-15 days which will assist in mitigating the inventory price risk to a certain extent.

Receivable days are comfortable at less than 10 days reducing any major debtor risk as well. Further, there is no dealer concentration with top customers forming 5.3% of total revenue in fiscal 2024. The number of dealers has increased from 110 on September 30, 2023, to 224 on June 30, 2024.

The company generally pays its suppliers within 10 days and has established ties with major steel companies. Top supplier forms ~15% of the total purchases. Further, SG Mart has tie-ups with top suppliers which ensures the quality of the products sold.

With healthy policies SG Mart has been efficiently managing its working capital cycle.

Weaknesses:

- Low margin constrained by intense competition: The trading industry is intensely competitive as customers have the option to switch to suppliers who offer favourable terms of pricing. Hence, the operating margin remained low at 2-2.5%. However, the moderate scale and strong liquidity will enable the company to procure products at a good rate and offer competitive pricing to dealers while maintaining its margin.
- Volatility in raw material prices and forex rates: As steel is the major raw material, SG Mart remains exposed to volatility in steel prices. Any sharp fluctuation in steel prices may affect operating profitability. Further, as the company imports around 20% of its products, it is also susceptible to any adverse movement in foreign exchange rates.

However, a low inventory period shields them from any adverse price fluctuations.

Liquidity: Adequate

Liquidity is marked by cash equivalent of Rs 1,000 crore as on June 30, 2024, and further supported by low bank limit utilisation. Sanctioned limit of Rs 600 crore was utilised only around 26%, over the six months through June 2024. Expected cash accrual of Rs 90-100 crore, along with the cash surplus, should suffice to fund capex of Rs 170-200 crore, going forward, in the absence of any term debt obligation.

Outlook: Stable

CRISIL Ratings believes that the strong management, supplier and dealer network should enable SG Mart to ramp up its operations in a healthy manner, and also maintain a strong financial risk profile.

Rating Sensitivity factors

Upward factors:

- Significant increase in scale of operations driven by healthy product and geographical diversification, while maintaining EBITDA margins at around 2.5% benefitting cash generation
- Sustenance of healthy financial risk profile and efficient working capital management.

Downward factors:

- Decline in revenues with EBITDA margins falling below 1.5% on sustained basis impacting cash accruals.
- Weakening of financial risk profile due to higher-than-expected debt funded capex or any major acquisition

About the Company

SG Mart (erstwhile Kintech Renewable Ltd) was acquired by Mr. Dhruv Gupta and Mrs. Meenakshi Gupta in April 2023. The company trades in more than 1,700 building products and derives the bulk of its revenue from HR coils, CTL HR coils and TMT bars. It is appointing channel partners to further penetrate the construction sector and has positioned itself as a one-stop solution provider for all construction needs. It is also listed on the BSE.

Key Financial Indicators

As on/for the period ended March 31	Unit	2024	2023^
Revenue	Rs crore	2683	NA
PAT	Rs crore	61	NA
PAT margin	%	2.27	NA
Adjusted debt/adjusted networth	Times	0.17	NA
Interest coverage	Times	8.04	NA

[^]Company was formed in fiscal 2024

Any other information: Not Applicable

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument:

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Annexure - Details of Instrument(s)

ISIN	Name of the instrument	Date of Allotment	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Issue size (Rs.Crore)	Complexity Level	Rating assigned with outlook
NA	Non-Fund Based Limit	NA	NA	NA	450	NA	CRISIL A1
NA	Fund-Based Facilities	NA	NA	NA	150	NA	CRISIL A/Stable

Annexure - List of Entities Consolidated

Fully consolidated entities	Extent of consolidation	Rationale for consolidation
SG Mart FZE	Full	Subsidiary

Annexure - Rating History for last 3 Years

	Current		2024 (History)	2	023	2	022	2	021	Start of 2021	
Instrument	Туре	Outstanding Amount	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Rating
Fund Based Facilities	LT	150.0	CRISIL A/Stable									
Non-Fund Based Facilities	ST	450.0	CRISIL A1									

All amounts are in Rs.Cr.

Annexure - Details of Bank Lenders & Facilities

Facility	Amount (Rs.Crore)	Name of Lender	Rating	
Fund-Based Facilities	50	HDFC Bank Limited	CRISIL A/Stable	
Fund-Based Facilities	100	Axis Bank Limited	CRISIL A/Stable	
Non-Fund Based Limit	300	HDFC Bank Limited	CRISIL A1	
Non-Fund Based Limit	150	Axis Bank Limited	CRISIL A1	

Criteria Details

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CRISILs Approach to Financial Ratios

Criteria for rating trading companies

CRISILs Bank Loan Ratings - process, scale and default recognition

CRISILs Criteria for Consolidation

CRISILs Criteria for rating short term debt

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