

Rating Advisory

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Ani Integrated Services Limited

Advisory as on January 11, 2022

This rating advisory is provided in relation to the rating of Ani Integrated Services Limited

The key rating sensitivity factors for the rating include:

Upward factors:

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- A significant decline in revenue and continued operating loss, resulting in weak cash accruals
- Stretch in working capital cycle, weakening the financial risk profile (TOLANW above 2 times) and liquidity

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Rating Rationale

October 29, 2020 | Mumbai

Ani Integrated Services Limited

Ratings downgraded to 'CRISIL BB+/Stable/CRISIL A4+'

Rating Action

Total Bank Loan Facilities Rated	Rs.22 Crore		
Long Term Rating	CRISIL BB+/Stable (Downgraded from 'CRISIL BBB-/Stable')		
Short Term Rating	CRISIL A4+ (Downgraded from 'CRISIL A3')		

¹ crore = 10 million

Refer to annexure for Details of Instruments & Bank Facilities

Detailed Rationale

CRISIL has downgraded its ratings on the bank loan facilities of Ani Integrated Services Ltd (AISL) to CRISIL BB+/Stable/CRISIL A4+'.from 'CRISIL BBB-/Stable/CRISIL A3'.

The downgrade reflects a weaker-than-expected performance in fiscal 2020 with operating loss due to high employee cost and bad debts written off despite growth in revenues. This has resulted in weakening of the debt protection metrics. Thus, improvement in profitability and sustenance of the same amid the Covid-19 pandemic shall remain key monitorables over the near term.

The ratings continue to reflect the extensive experience of the promoters in the human resources industry, a diversified revenue profile and a comfortable capital structure. These strengths are partially offset by a modest scale of operations, exposure to intense competition, subdued debt protection metrics and large working capital requirement.



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

- * Extensive industry experience of the promoters: The promoters have an experience of over 30 years in the human resource and employment services industry. This has given them an understanding of the dynamics of the market, and enabled them to establish relationships with suppliers and customers. Customers include players like Reliance Industries Ltd, JSW Steel Ltd, Vedanta Group and Adani Power Ltd.
- * Diversified revenue profile: The company operates in four verticals: deputation of manpower (61% of revenue), operations and maintenance (22%), and project and consulting services (17%) and has recently entered the detailed engineering vertical in fiscal 2019. It caters to various industries such as steel, power and energy, and engineering, ensuring no industry concentration, thus supporting revenue growth. The current order book of Rs 129 crore provides significant revenue visibility over the medium term.
- * Comfortable capital structure: The networth was moderate at Rs 34.31 crore, while the total outside liabilities to adjusted networth ratio and gearing was low at 0.68 time and 0.11 time, respectively, as on March 31, 2020. The capital structure is expected to remain comfortable over the medium term due to moderate debt.

Weaknesses:

- * Moderate scale of operations: Revenue was moderate at Rs 107 crore in fiscal 2020 Revenue has been fluctuating over the years on account of the tender-based nature of operations. The modest scale in a fragmented industry restricts bargaining power with customers. Furthermore, business is likely to remain constrained in the near term owing to the economic slowdown that resulted from the nationwide lockdown imposed by the government to curb the spread of Covid-19.
- * Large working capital requirement: Gross current assets were at 173 days as on March 31, 2020 on account of its high debtors at 88 days and inventory of 51 days. Debtors are high due to extended credit given to various customers and as the company needs to stock inventory stores and spares for the maintenance of the machineries in project management. The overall working capital cycle is expected to remain at a similar level over the medium term considering the high credit terms with existing clients.
- * **Subdued debt protection metrics:** Debt protection metrics have deteriorated sharply in fiscal 2020. The interest coverage and net cash accrual to total debt ratios were negative in fiscal 2020, due to operating losses and weak cash accrual. The debt protection metrics will remain susceptible to operating margins.
- * Exposure to intense industry competition: The manpower staffing industry is intensely competitive because of the presence of a large number of players. This results in pricing pressure for players, who have to incur high overheads to maintain quality of services and staff. Issues relating to workforce availability can also have an adverse impact on the company's relationship with clients and therefore its revenue.

Liquidity Stretched

Cash accrual is estimated at Rs 1.5-2.5 crore per fiscal for fiscals 2020 and 2021, against minimal maturing term debt obligation of Rs 0.11 crore in fiscal 2021. The fund-based limit of Rs 6 crore has been moderately utilised at an average of around 67% during the 12 months through June 2020. The unencumbered cash and bank balance was moderate at Rs 2 crore as on March 31, 2020.



Outlook: Stable

CRISIL believes AISL will continue to benefit from the extensive experience of the promoters and established relationship with clients.

Rating Sensitivity Factors

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Key Financial Indicators

As on/for the period ended March 31	Unit	2020	2019
Operating income	Rs crore	107	77.28
Reported profit after tax (PAT)	Rs crore	-3.63	5.23
PAT margin	%	-3.4	6.76
Adjusted debt/adjusted networth	Times	0.11	0.05
Interest coverage	Times	-0.80	19.76

Any other information: Not applicable

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Annexure - Details of Instrument(s)

ISIN	Name of Instrument	Date of Allotment	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Issue Size (Rs.Cr)	Complexity Level	Rating Assigned with Outlook
NA	Bank Guarantee	NA	NA	NA	16	NA	CRISIL A4+
NA	Cash Credit	NA	NA	NA	6	NA	CRISIL BB+/Stable

Annexure - Rating History for last 3 Years

		Current		2020 (History)	20	19	20)18	20)17	Start of 2017
Instrument	Туре	Outstanding Amount	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Rating
Fund-based Bank Facilities	LT/S T	6.00	CRISIL BB+/Stabl e			29-08-19	CRISIL BBB- /Stable					
Non Fund-based Bank Facilities	LT/S T	16.00	CRISIL A4+			29-08-19	CRISIL A3					

All amounts are in Rs.Cr.

Annexure - Details of various bank facilities

Curre	nt facilities		Previous facilities			
Facility	Amount (Rs.Crore)	Rating	Facility	Amount (Rs.Crore)	Rating	
Bank Guarantee	16	CRISIL A4+	Bank Guarantee	16	CRISIL A3	
Cash Credit	6	CRISIL BB+/Stable	Cash Credit	6	CRISIL BBB- /Stable	
Total	22		Total	22		

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