

Rating Update

November 24, 2017 | Mumbai

E-Meditek Insurance TPA Limited

Update as on November 24, 2017

This update is provided in continuation of the rating rational below.

The key rating sensitivity factors for the rating include:

- Working capital management
- Changes in Insurance Regulation Development Authority (IRDA) regulations governing third-party administrators (TPAs)
- Ramp-up in scale of operations
- Capital expenditure (capex) plans and their funding

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CRISIL also identifies information availability risk as a key credit factor in the rating assessment as outlined in its criteria 'Information Availability Risk in Credit Ratings'.

About the company

E-Meditek, set up by Mr. Gopal Verma in 2001, offers third-party administrator (TPA) services. The company has a strong infrastructure network comprising over 5400 hospitals, through which its customers can avail cash-less services.



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Rating Rationale

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E-Meditek (Tpa) Services Limited

Ratings downgraded to 'CRISIL BBB-/Stable/CRISIL A3'

Total Bank Loan Facilities Rated	Rs.400 Million
Long Term Rating	CRISIL BBB-/Stable (Downgraded from 'CRISIL BBB/Negative')
Short Term Rating	CRISIL A3 (Downgraded from 'CRISIL A3+')

(Refer to Annexure 1 for Facility-wise details)

CRISIL has downgraded its ratings on the bank facilities of E-Meditek (Tpa) Services Limited (E-Meditek) to CRISIL BBB-/Stable/CRISIL A3' from 'CRISIL BBB/Negative/CRISIL A3+'.

The rating downgrade is driven by deterioration in liquidity as indicated by high bank limit utilisation. Working capital cycle was stretched, with gross current assets estimated at 157 days as on March 31 2016, due to large receivables, leading to high dependence on bank limit, the average utilisation of which was 99% during the 12 months through May 2016. Stretched receivables have resulted in subdued financial flexibility reflected by a high total outside liabilities to tangible networth ratio, estimated at around 1.8 times as on March 31, 2016. Receivables management will remain a key rating sensitivity factor over the medium term.

However, business risk profile remains stable on account of a sustained operating margin in the range of 13.5-14.0% in the three fiscals through fiscal 2016. Consequently, cash accrual is expected to remain at Rs 35-40 million in fiscal 2017, which will be sufficient to meet debt repayment obligation of Rs 14-20 million during the year. The business risk profile will continue to be supported by a high-end information technology infrastructure, sound track record in customer servicing, and established relationship with public and private sector insurance companies.

The ratings continue to reflect an established market position and infrastructure, and a healthy financial risk profile because of comfortable debt protection metrics. These rating strengths are partially offset by low margins (on account of low bargaining power with insurance providers) and large working capital requirement, leading to stretched liquidity.

Outlook: Stable

CRISIL believes E-Meditek will continue to benefit over the medium term from its established market position, backed by its strong infrastructure. The outlook may be revised to 'Positive' in case of substantial improvement in scale of operations or margins, leading to better-than-expected cash accrual and capital structure. The outlook may be revised to 'Negative' if liquidity deteriorates further due to significant increase in working capital requirement, any large debt-funded capital expenditure, or a decline in revenue and profitability leading to lower-than-expected cash accrual.

About the Company

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Annexure 1 - Details of various bank facilities

Current facilities		Previous facilities			
Facility	Amount (Rs.Million)	Rating	Facility	Amount (Rs.Million)	Rating
Bank Guarantee	150	CRISIL A3	Bank Guarantee	150	CRISIL A3+
Cash Credit	150	CRISIL BBB- /Stable	Cash Credit	150	CRISIL BBB/Negative
Proposed Long Term Bank Loan Facility	70	CRISIL BBB- /Stable	Term Loan	100	CRISIL BBB/Negative
Proposed Term Loan	30	CRISIL BBB- /Stable		0	
Total	400		Total	400	

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