

Rating Advisory

January 20, 2023 | Mumbai

Indogulf Cropsciences Limited

Update as on January 20, 2023

This rating advisory is provided in relation to the rating of Indogulf Cropsciences Limited

The key rating sensitivity factors for the rating include:

Upward factors:

- Sustained improvement in scale of operation with revenue over Rs 700 Cr and sustenance of operating margin at over 8%, leading to higher cash accruals
- Improvement in working capital cycle

Downward factors:

- Stretch in working capital cycle adversely impacting the liquidity profile of the group
- Decline in net cash accruals below Rs 15 crores on account of decline in revenue or operating profits below 5%.

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About the Group

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Rating Rationale

November 17, 2021 | Mumbai

Indogulf Cropsciences Limited

'CRISIL BBB+/Stable/CRISIL A2' assigned to Bank Debt

Rating Action

Total Bank Loan Facilities Rated	Rs.125 Crore
Long Term Rating	CRISIL BBB+/Stable (Assigned)
Short Term Rating	CRISIL A2 (Assigned)

¹ crore = 10 million

Refer to Annexure for Details of Instruments & Bank Facilities

Detailed Rationale

CRISIL Ratings has assigned its 'CRISIL BBB+/Stable/CRISIL A2' ratings to the bank facilities of Indogulf Cropsciences Limited (ICL; part of the Indogulf group).

Business risk profile of the company is marked by established position of the group in the agrochemical industry with the promoters having an experience of around 3 decades in the industry along with a diversified product portfolio of over 400 products including insecticides, fungicides, weedicides & herbicides, plant growth regulators (PGR) for all types of crops. Along with the formulation, the group also undertakes trading of technicals as well. The group's scale of operations have remained at moderate levels and have grown at a CAGR of 14% over the last 3 fiscals ended 2021 where revenue stood at Rs 467.4 Cr. Going forward, as the group has plans to setup another plant to focus on new formulations and combinations, the same will continue to support the scale of operations over the medium term. Operating profitability have continuously grown over the last 3 fiscals ended 2021 where is stood at moderate level of 8.4%. Going forward as well, it is expected to operate at similar levels.

Financial risk profile continues to remain healthy marked by healthy and improving networth which at around Rs 152 Cr in FY21 supported by improving profitability over the years. Capital structure has also remained healthy over the years with gearing of 0.5 time as on 31st Mar 2021. Going forward, though the group has a debt funded capex plan for the new plant, capital structure is expected to remain comfortable over the medium term.

The ratings reflect ICL's extensive industry experience of the promoters & establish market position in the agro-chemicals industry, diversified product portfolio, wide customer base and established distribution network, sound operating efficiencies and healthy financial profile. These strengths are partially offset by its exposure to intense competition and inherent risks in the agrochemicals industry, working capital intensive operations and vulnerability of operating margin to fluctuations in forex rates.

Analytical Approach

CRISIL Ratings has consolidated ICL, with its group entities i.e. Indogulf Australia Pty Limited & Abhiprakash Globus Private Limited as these entities are fully-owned subsidiaries of ICL and further will be engaged in same line of business.

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:

• Establish market position in the agro-chemicals industry: The promoters have an experience of over 25 years in agro chemicals industry. This has given them an understanding of the dynamics of the market, and enabled them to establish relationships with suppliers and customers. The group has also diversified presence in the international market with presence in over 17 countries. The group has also availed 11 registrations in its foreign subsidiary based in Australia for further expansion of the business in the international market.

- Diversified product portfolio, wide customer base and established distribution network: The group have a diversified product portfolio of over 400 products a wide variety of pesticides, weedicides, fungicides, herbicides, micro-nutrients and various plant growth regulators, and has an active portfolio. The group also has an in-house R&D facility which enables them to regularly add new formulations and combinations to the product portfolio in light of the business environment. A diverse product portfolio has enabled the group to establish a wide customer base, wherein the top 10 customers constituted 24% of total operating revenue in FY21. The strong dealer network has helped expand the group's reach across various cities. CCIL has a network of around 24 branches which distributes the product through a network of more than 3000 distributors.
- Healthy financial profile: The group's capital structure have been at healthy level due to lower reliance on external funds yielding gearing of 0.52 time and low total outside liabilities to adj tangible networth (TOL/ANW) of 1.5 times for year ending on 31st March 2021. Networth of the group has been constantly improving over the years which stood at around Rs 152 Cr in FY21 supported by improving profitability over the year. The group's debt protection measures have also been at healthy level due to leverage and healthy profitability. The interest coverage and net cash accrual to total debt (NCATD) ratio are at 8.4 times and 0.36 time for fiscal 2021. ICL debt protection measures are expected to remain at similar level over medium term.

Weaknesses:

- Working capital intensive operations: Gross current assets were at around 200 days over the three fiscals ended March 31, 2021. Its intensive working capital management is reflected in its gross current assets (GCA) of 213 days as on March 31, 2021 as against over 170 days GCAs of some of its peers. Its large working capital requirements arise from its high debtor and inventory levels. It is required to extend long credit period. Furthermore, due to its business need, it hold large work in process & inventory.
- Exposure to intense competition and inherent risks in the agro-chemicals industry: The domestic agro-chemicals industry remains vulnerable to ban on products by the government and erratic monsoons. Further, presence of spurious pesticides and insecticides, could endanger the brand equity of players and damage crop production. Intense price and product competition among local players and multinational corporations (MNCs), further limits the bargaining power with customers.

Liquidity: Adequate

Bank limit utilization is low at around 10-15 percent for the past twelve months ended May 2021. Cash accrual are expected to be over Rs 25 Crores which are sufficient against term debt obligation of Rs 6 crore over the medium term. In addition, it will be act as cushion to the liquidity of the group. Current ratio is moderate at 1.39 times on March 31, 2021. Unsecured loans from promoters stood at Rs 9.82 Cr as on 31st Mar 2021. Low gearing and moderate net worth support its financial flexibility, and provides the financial cushion available in case of any adverse conditions or downturn in the business.

Outlook: Stable

CRISIL Ratings believe ICL will continue to benefit from the extensive experience of its promoter, and established relationships with clients.

Rating Sensitivity Factors

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Key Financial Indicators

As on/for the period ended March 31	Unit	2021	2020
Operating income	Rs.Crore	467.36	512.89

Reported profit after tax	Rs.Crore	22.98	20.72
PAT margins	%	4.9	4.00
Adjusted Debt/Adjusted Networth	Times	0.52	0.71
Interest coverage	Times	7.98	7.09

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	1.5	NA	CRISIL A2
NA	Cash Credit	NA	NA	NA	30	NA	CRISIL BBB+/Stable
NA	Capex Letter Of Credit	NA	NA	NA	7.5	NA	CRISIL A2
NA	Term Loan	NA	NA	Mar-2024	35	NA	CRISIL BBB+/Stable
NA	Working Capital Facility	NA	NA	NA	25	NA	CRISIL BBB+/Stable
NA	Pre Shipment Credit	NA	NA	NA	6	NA	CRISIL A2
NA	Overdraft Facility	NA	NA	NA	20	NA	CRISIL BBB+/Stable

Annexure - List of Entities Consolidated

Names of Entities Consolidated	Extent of Consolidation	Rationale for Consolidation
Indogulf Cropsciences Limited	Full	Parent-subsidiary relationship
Indogulf Australia Pty Limited	Full	Parent-subsidiary relationship
Abhiprakash Globus Private Limited	Full	Parent-subsidiary relationship

Annexure - Rating History for last 3 Years

Current		2021 (History) 2020		020	2019		2018		Start of 2018			
Instrument	Туре	Outstanding Amount	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Rating
Fund Based Facilities	ST/LT	116.0	CRISIL BBB+/Stable / CRISIL A2									
Non-Fund Based Facilities	ST	9.0	CRISIL A2									

All amounts are in Rs.Cr.

Annexure - Details of Bank Lenders & Facilities

Facility	Amount (Rs.Crore)	Name of Lender	Rating
Bank Guarantee	1.5	HDFC Bank Limited	CRISIL A2
Capex Letter Of Credit	7.5	HDFC Bank Limited	CRISIL A2
Cash Credit	30	HDFC Bank Limited	CRISIL BBB+/Stable
Overdraft Facility	20	Standard Chartered Bank Limited	CRISIL BBB+/Stable
Pre Shipment Credit	6	HDFC Bank Limited	CRISIL A2

Term Loan	35	HDFC Bank Limited	CRISIL BBB+/Stable
Working Capital Facility	25	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	CRISIL BBB+/Stable

This Annexure has been updated on 17-Nov-2021 in line with the lender-wise facility details as on 17-Nov-2021 received from the rated entity.

Criteria Details

Links to related criteria
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