



Rating Rationale

Mount Litera Education Foundation

29 Oct 2020

Brickwork Ratings revises the ratings for the Bank Loan Facilities of ₹. 69.48 Crores of Mount Litera Education Foundation.

Particulars

Facility**	Amount (₹ Cr)		Tenure	Rating*	
	Previous	Present		Previous (July, 2020)	Present
Fund based	70.29	69.48	Long Term	BWR BBB- (CE) Credit Watch With Negative Implications	BWR D
Total	70.29	69.48	INR Sixty Nine crores and Forty Eight Lakhs Only		

*Please refer to BWR website www.brickworkratings.com/ for the definition of the ratings

** Details of bank facilities are provided in Annexure-I

RATING ACTION / OUTLOOK

Brickwork Ratings (BWR) has downgraded the rating of Mount Litera Education Foundation to BWR D as the trust failed to timely service the debt for pre moratorium (moratorium as specified by RBI - COVID moratorium scheme from 1st March 2020 to 31st August 2020) period as informed by the lending bank on 27th Oct 2020.

The credit enhancement (CE) is in the form of an unconditional and irrevocable corporate guarantee extended by Zee Learn Limited (ZLL) for the repayment obligations on bank facilities with an escrow mechanism with a T-2 funding commitment by the guarantor. BWR has revised the rating to unsupported from the CE rating as the guarantor is in financial stress and its credit profile has deteriorated materially leading to seeking One Time Restructuring of its own debt. As such no meaningful credit enhancement is available on account of the said guarantee.

KEY RATING DRIVERS

Credit Risks:

- Regulated nature of the Indian education industry that requires approvals from various government bodies for adding new courses and seats
- The overall performance, operations and liquidity of the company are expected to be adversely impacted due to Covid related situations and restrictions on schools.
- The trust has applied for restructuring of its debt, unable to service the same in time.



ANALYTICAL APPROACH AND APPLICABLE RATING CRITERIA

BWR has essentially relied on audited financials upto FY19, publicly available information and information/clarification provided by the management of MLEF, the issuer company, the performance of the credit enhancer ZLL and feedback from the lending bank.

RATING SENSITIVITIES

Going forward, the company’s ability to improve its revenue and EBITDA and manage its liquidity and overall financial performance remain key rating sensitivities.

Positive: The rating and outlook may be reviewed on curing of the default and material improvement in liquidity and overall financial performance of the company.

LIQUIDITY POSITION: Poor

The company’s liquidity is currently “Poor” as it does not have sufficient cash flow to meet its debt obligation.

COMPANY PROFILE

Mount Litera Education Foundation (MLEF) was incorporated on 07 September 2012 under section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 (No.1 of 1956) with registration no U80904MH2012NPL235422.

The main objective of the company is to administer support and assist in the education of pre-primary, primary, secondary, higher secondary and college children, among others. Currently, MLEF runs two schools, viz. Mount Litera Zee School Karnal and Mount Litera Zee School Patiala. These two schools are affiliated to the CBSE board.

KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS (in INR Crs)

FINANCIAL INDICATORS - Mount Litera Education Foundation

Key Parameters	Units	FY 2018	FY 2019
Result Type		Audited	Audited
Total Operating Income	Rs. in crores	7.03	6.22
EBITDA	Rs. in crores	-4.37	-5.52
PAT	Rs. in crores	-11.81	-16.15
Corpus Fund (CF)	Rs. in crores	-30.25	-46.41
Total Debt	Rs. in crores	67.34	73.41
Total Debt/CF	Times	-2.23	-1.58

KEY COVENANTS OF THE INSTRUMENT/FACILITY RATED: NA

NON-COOPERATION WITH PREVIOUS RATING AGENCY IF ANY : NA

RATING HISTORY for past three years (Including suspension/Withdrawal)

Instrument	Current Rating			Rating History																		
	Tenure (Long Term/ Short Term)	Amount (₹ Cr)	Rating	2020	2019	2018	2017															
Term Loan (TL)	Long Term	61.48	BWR D	4th May 2020																		
Overdraft (OD)		8.00		20th July 2020																		
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COMPLEXITY LEVELS OF THE INSTRUMENTS

For more information, visit www.brickworkratings.com/download/ComplexityLevels.pdf

Hyperlink/Reference to applicable Criteria

- [General Criteria](#)
- [Approach to Financial Ratios](#)
- [Service Sector](#)
- [Default recognition](#)

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ANNEXURE I

Details of Bank Facilities rated by BWR

Sl. No.	Name of the Bank	Type of Facilities	Long Term (₹ Cr)	Short Term (₹ Cr)	Total (₹ Cr)
1	Yes Bank	Overdraft	8.00	-	8.00
		Term Loan	61.48	-	61.48
TOTAL					69.48

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