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RATING RATIONALE

13 March 2026

Sambandh Finserve Private Limited

Brickwork Ratings reaffirms the ratings at BWR D for the Bank Loan Facilities of Rs. 383 Crores and Non Convertible Debentures (NCDs) of Rs. 50 Crores of Sambandh Finserve Private Limited, and continues the rating under Issuer Not Cooperating category based on best available information, as the issuer did not cooperate.

Instruments / Facilities**	Amount (Rs. Crs.)		Tenure	Rating#	
	Previous	Present		Previous (26 Mar 2025)	Present
Non Convertible Debentures (NCDs)	50.00	**50.00**	Long Term	BWR D/ Continues to be under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* category / Reaffirmation	**BWR D/ Continues to be under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* category / Reaffirmation**
Fund Based Term Loans	383.00	**383.00**			
Total	433.00	**433.00**	**Rupees Four Hundred Thirty Three Crores Only**		

Please refer to BWR website **www.brickworkratings.com/** for definition of the ratings
* Issuer did not cooperate, based on the best available information.
**Details of bank loan facilities/NCD is provided in Annexure-I and Annexure- II

RATING ACTION / OUTLOOK / NATURE OF NON-COOPERATION

Brickwork Ratings (BWR) reaffirms the ratings of the bank loan facilities and NCDs of Sambandh Finserve Pvt Ltd. (SFPL or the company) based on the best available information as Issuer did Not Cooperate, as tabulated above. Despite BWR's best efforts to obtain at least the minimum required information for a rating review, the company has not provided the same. Two of the lenders confirmed the account classification as non performing asset (NPA) and fraud as on date. The debenture trustee had disclosed the name of the company under default cases segment on its website for default in the payment of interest and principal amounts for the month of February 2022. The debenture trustee's latest feedback states unsatisfactory conduct, non compliance with security cover along with non compliance with the terms of issue.

At the end of Sep 2020, fraud by SFPLs MD was unearthed by its officials and was informed to the board of directors which in turn decided for an internal investigation. However, as per information available from public sources, in Dec 2020 - the forensic audit revealed that the company had diverted about Rs. 100 Crs to entities having connection with its promoters, further the audit report also confirmed the allegations that about 69% of loan assets were inflated and done through dummy accounts to secure funding from banks and other lenders. Liquidity crunch faced due to COVID 19 related moratorium which resulted in defaults. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) post inspection of SFPL books had cancelled the certificate of registration.

In the absence of the latest information/ updates from the company, BWR is exposed to information risk. Information availability risk is a key factor in the assessment of credit risk as generally, non cooperation by the rated entities to provide required information for a review of the assigned rating may also be accompanied by financial stress. Users of the credit ratings should therefore take into account the possible deterioration in the credit quality of the rated entity arising from its non-transparency and withholding of information required for a review of the rating.

Hence, on account of inadequate information/ clarification awaited from the management, non-payment of the debt/ interest obligations in a timely manner, account classification as NPA and fraud as on date by two of the lenders, and disclosure of the company's name under default cases by the debenture trustee, BWR reaffirms the rating of the bank loan facilities and non-convertible debentures at '**BWR D' and continues the rating under Issuer Not Cooperating category** based on the best available information; as the issuer did not cooperate**.**

The lenders/investors may note to exercise due caution while using the above rating which mentions "Issuer Not Cooperating" since the rating lacks any projections or forward-looking component as it is arrived at based on the best available information without any management/banker's interaction.

LIMITATIONS OF THE RATING

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KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS :

Key Parameters	Units	FY22	FY23	FY24
Result Type		**Audited**	**Audited**	**Audited**
Long Term Loans and Advances	Rs. Crores	0.12	45.47	45.07
Total Income from Operations	Rs. Crores	2.23	1.20	1.36
PAT	Rs. Crores	-56.95	-46.46	-45.51

(Note: *The aforesaid data is as available from publicly available information****)***

COMPANY PROFILE

Sambandh Finserve Private Limited (SFPL) started microfinance activities in 2006 as an exclusive project under Regional Rural Development Centre (RRDC), a state level NGO in Odisha originally promoted by Mr. Livinus Kindo, IAS (Retd.), the Chairman of SFPL. It was converted into an NBFC in 2009. In 2013, it secured an NBFC-MFI licence from the Reserve Bank of India. It's Head Office is located at Rourkela, Odisha.

NON-COOPERATION WITH PREVIOUS CREDIT RATING AGENCY *(IF ANY):* *No non Cooperation with other CRAs*

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RATING HISTORY FOR THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS [including withdrawal & suspended]

Sr. No	Name of Instrument	Current Rating 2026			Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years		
		Type (Long Term/ Short Term)	Amount (Rs. Crs)	Rating	2025 26-Mar-2025	2024 12-Apr-2024	2023 17-Mar-2023
1	NCDs	Long Term	50.00	BWR D/ Continues to be under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* category / Reaffirmation	BWR D/ Continues to be under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* category / Reaffirmation	BWR D/ Continues to be under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* category / Reaffirmation	BWR D/ Continues to be under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* category / Reaffirmation
2	Bank Loans	Long Term	383.00				
	Total		**433.00**	**Rupees Four Hundred and Thirty Three Crore Only**			

**Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information.*

COMPLEXITY LEVELS OF THE INSTRUMENTS:

- Bank Loans: **Simple**
- Non Convertible Debentures: **Simple**

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www.brickworkratings.com/download/ComplexityLevels.pdf

Hyperlink/Reference to applicable Criteria

- **General Criteria**
- **Approach to Financial Ratios**
- **Banks and Financial Institutions**
- **BWR's criteria on default recognition and default curing period**
- **BWR's policy on Issuer non Cooperation**

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Annexure-I

Details of Bank Facilities rated by BWR (As per the latest details available)

Sl. no	Name of the bank/financial institution	Type of facility	Long Term (Rs.Crs)	Short Term (Rs.Crs)	Total (Rs.Crs)	Complexity #
1	Ananya Finance for Inclusive Growth Pvt. Ltd.	Term Loan	7.25	0	7.25	Simple
2	Axis Bank	Term Loan	7.50	0	7.50	Simple
3	Bandhan Bank Ltd	Term Loan	9.00	0	9.00	Simple
4	Canara Bank	Term Loan	11.17	0	11.17	Simple
5	DCB Bank	Term Loan	6.82	0	6.82	Simple
6	Electronica Finance Limited	Term Loan	4.93	0	4.93	Simple
7	FINCARE Small Finance Bank	Term Loan	9.88	0	9.88	Simple
8	FWWB India	Term Loan	0.25	0	0.25	Simple
9	Grameen Impact Investment	Term Loan	2.10	0	2.10	Simple
10	Habitat MicroBuild	Term Loan	6.53	0	6.53	Simple
11	Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd	Term Loan	17.30	0	17.30	Simple
12	ICICI Bank	Term Loan	14.32	0	14.32	Simple
13	IDBI Bank	Term Loan	5.00	0	5.00	Simple
14	IDFC First Bank	Term Loan	10.06	0	10.06	Simple
15	InCred Financial Services Limited	Term Loan	7.39	0	7.39	Simple
16	Maanaveeya Development & Finance Pvt. Ltd.	Term Loan	15.41	0	15.41	Simple
17	Manappuram Finance Limited	Term Loan	4.56	0	4.56	Simple
18	MAS Financial Services Ltd	Term Loan	31.71	0	31.71	Simple
19	MUDRA	Term Loan	14.63	0	14.63	Simple
20	Muthoot Capital Services Limited	Term Loan	5.00	0	5.00	Simple
21	NABFINS Ltd	Term Loan	5.58	0	5.58	Simple
22	Nabkisan Finance Ltd	Term Loan	8.18	0	8.18	Simple
23	NABSAMRUDDHI Finance Ltd	Term Loan	2.49	0	2.49	Simple
24	Northern Arc Capital	Term Loan	31.51	0	31.51	Simple
25	Profectus Capital Pvt. Ltd.	Term Loan	2.73	0	2.73	Simple
26	Samunnati Financial Intermediation & Services Pvt Ltd	Term Loan	14.65	0	14.65	Simple
27	Satin CreditCare Network Limited	Term Loan	1.87	0	1.87	Simple
28	Satin Finserv Limited	Term Loan	2.98	0	2.98	Simple
29	Shriram City Union Finance	Term Loan	1.41	0	1.41	Simple
30	SIDBI	Term Loan	41.33	0	41.33	Simple
31	State Bank of India	Term Loan	4.54	0	4.54	Simple
32	UCO Bank	Term Loan	23.00	0	23.00	Simple
33	Vivriti Capital Pvt Ltd	Term Loan	11.25	0	11.25	Simple
34	Yes Bank Limited	Term Loan	6.25	0	6.25	Simple
Total outstanding limits			**348.58**	**0**	**348.58**	
Proposed Term Loans			**34.42**			
Total Limits Rated by BWR			**383.00**			

(Rupees Three Hundred Eighty Three Crores only)

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ANNEXURE II

INSTRUMENT (NCD) DETAILS (As per the latest details available)

Instrument	Issue Date	Amount (Rs in Crs)	Maturity date	ISIN	Coupon	Complexity $
NCDs	18-Aug-2020	5.00	19-Feb-2022	INE992V07021	12.50%	Simple
NCDs	N/A	45.00*	N/A	N/A	N/A	-

(Rupees Fifty Crores Only)

Note: Debenture Trustee had intimated the default of servicing of Interest and Principal obligations pertaining to the NCD bearing ISIN INE992V07021.in Feb 2022.
***The details of unutilised NCD are not available.**
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ANNEXURE III

List of entities consolidated - NA

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