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March 02, 2022

#### **Confidential**

Dear Sir,

#### Credit rating for bank facilities

On the basis of recent developments including operational and financial performance of your Company for FY21 (Audited) and 9MFY22 (Unaudited), our Rating Committee has reviewed the following ratings:

| Facilities Amount (Rs. crore) |   | Rating <sup>1</sup>  | Rating Action |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------------|---------------|
| Long Term Bank Facilities     | 271.25<br>(Reduced from 303.40)                           | CARE D<br>(Single D) | Reaffirmed    |
| Short Term Bank Facilities    | 528.77  | CARE D<br>(Single D) | Reaffirmed    |
| Total Facilities              | 800.02<br>(Rs. Eight Hundred Crore and<br>Two Lakhs Only) |                      |               |

- 2. Refer **Annexure 1** for details of rated facilities.
- 3. The rationale for the rating will be communicated to you separately. A write-up (press release) on the above rating is proposed to be issued to the press shortly, a draft of which is enclosed for your perusal as **Annexure 2**. We request you to peruse the annexed document and offer your comments if any. We are doing this as a matter of courtesy to our clients and with a view to ensure that no factual inaccuracies have inadvertently crept in. Kindly revert as early as possible. In any case, if we do not hear from you by March 03, 2022 we will proceed on the basis that you have no any comments to offer.
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If you need any clarification, you are welcome to approach us in this regard.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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## **Annexure 1**

## **Details of Rated Facilities**

# 1. Long Term Facilities

## 1.A. Term Loans

| Sr.<br>No | Name of Bank / Lender    | Rated<br>Amount<br>(Rs.<br>crore) | Debt Repayment Terms                                 |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1.        | Axis Bank Ltd.           | 43.02                             | Outstanding as on December 31, 2021                  |
| 2.        | Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. | 18.18                             | Outstanding as on December 31, 2021                  |
| 3.        | IndusInd Bank Ltd.       | 14.40                             | WCTL/WCDL, outstanding as on December 31, 2021       |
| 4.        | DBS Bank India Ltd.      | 6.00                              | Outstanding OTR amount as on Jan 31, 2022            |
| 5.        | IDBI Bank Ltd.           | 5.57                              | FITL, outstanding as on December 31, 2021            |
| 6.        | Union Bank of India      | 5.15                              | Outstanding as on December 31, 2021                  |
| 7.        | Indian Bank              | 3.54                              | WCTL/WCDL, outstanding as on December 31, 2021       |
| 8.        | Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. | 3.11                              | FITL, outstanding as on December 31, 2021            |
| 9.        | IDBI Bank Ltd.           | 2.51                              | Loans for EPC, outstanding as on December 31, 2021   |
| 10.       | Axis Bank Ltd.           | 2.39                              | ETTL outstanding as an December 21, 2021             |
| 11.       | Indian Bank              | 2.02                              | FITL, outstanding as on December 31, 2021            |
| 12.       | Indian Bank              | 1.01                              | Loans for power, outstanding as on December 31, 2021 |
| 13.       | Union Bank of India      | 0.96                              | FITL, outstanding as on December 31, 2021            |
| 14.       | Union Bank of India      | 0.68                              | Loans for power, outstanding as on December 31, 2021 |
| 15.       | Indian Bank              | 0.41                              | Loons for EDC outstanding as an December 21, 2021    |
| 16.       | Union Bank of India      | 0.31                              | Loans for EPC, outstanding as on December 31, 2021   |
|           | Total                    | 109.26                            |  |

## 1.B. Fund Based Limits

| Sr.<br>No | Name of Bank / Lender    | Rated<br>Amount<br>(Rs.<br>crore) | Remarks                        |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.        | IndusInd Bank Ltd.       | 40.00                             | Fund Based-LC Bill Discounting |
| 2.        | IDBI Bank Ltd.           | 30.00                             |                                |
| 3.        | Axis Bank Ltd.           | 25.00                             |                                |
| 4.        | Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. | 24.00                             | Fund Passed CC*                |
| 5.        | Indian Bank              | 20.15                             | Fund Based CC*                 |
| 6.        | Union Bank of India      | 15.09                             |                                |
| 7.        | IndusInd Bank Ltd.       | 7.75                              |                                |
|           | Total                    | 161.99                            |                                |

<sup>\*</sup>Cash Credit

Total Long-Term Facilities: Rs. 271.25 crore

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# 2. Short Term Facilities

## 2.A. Non-Fund Based Limits

| Sr.<br>No | Name of Bank / Lender    | Rated<br>Amount<br>(Rs.<br>crore) | Remarks               |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.        | Axis Bank Ltd.           | 209.06                            |                       |
| 2.        | IDBI Bank Ltd.           | 151.47                            |                       |
| 3.        | Indian Bank              | 57.90                             | Non fund based PC/IC* |
| 4.        | Union Bank of India      | 42.00                             | Non-fund based BG/LC* |
| 5.        | Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. | 40.01                             |                       |
| 6.        | IndusInd Bank Ltd.       | 28.33                             |                       |
|           | Total                    | 528.77                            |                       |

<sup>\*</sup>Bank Guarantee/Letter of Credit

**Total Short-Term Facilities: Rs. 528.77 crore** 

Total Facilities (1.A + 1.B + 2.A): Rs. 800.02 crore

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# Annexure 2 Draft Press Release

## **A2Z Infra Engineering Limited**

March 03, 2022

**Ratings** 

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|----------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------|
| Facilities/Instruments     | Amount (Rs. crore)                                     | Rating <sup>2</sup>  | Rating Action |
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Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

#### **Detailed Rationale and Key Rating Drivers**

The rating assigned to the bank facilities of A2Z Infra Engineering Limited continues to factor in delays in debt servicing by the company.

#### **Key rating sensitivities**

Positive: Factors that could lead to positive rating action/upgrade

- Timely track record of debt servicing by the company for continuous 3 months
- DSCR improves to >2x on a sustained basis

#### Detailed description of the key rating drivers

#### **Key Rating Weakness**

**Delay in Debt servicing obligation:** The liquidity position of the company continues to remain weak on account of weak operational and financial performance leading to delay in debt servicing.

#### **Liquidity: Poor**

The liquidity of the company is poor, leading to delays in debt servicing

Analytical Approach: Standalone

#### **Applicable Criteria:**

Policy on default recognition

<u>Financial Ratios – Non-financial Sector</u>

Liquidity Analysis of Non-financial sector entities

Rating Outlook and Credit Watch

**Short Term Instruments** 

Policy On Curing Period

Criteria on rating methodology- Construction Sector

#### **About the Company**

Incorporated in January 2002 as A2Z Maintenance Services Private Ltd, the company was renamed 'A2Z Maintenance & Engineering Services Private Ltd' in June 2005. Subsequently, the company became a public limited company in March 2010. A2Z came up with an IPO in October 2010 and raised Rs.776.2 crore. The company got its present name in December 2014 and is primarily engaged in providing Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) services in power transmission and distribution sector.

| <b>Brief Financials (Rs. crore)</b> | 31-03-2020 (A) | 31-03-2021 (A) | 9MFY22 (UA) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Total operating income              | 401.81         | 206.10         | 95.58       |
| PBILDT                              | -21.28         | -29.64         | -10.79      |
| PAT                                 | -290.89        | -83.14         | -52.76      |
| Overall gearing (times)             | 1.08           | 1.58           | -           |
| Interest coverage (times)           | -0.44          | -0.61          | -0.28       |

A: Audited

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

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Rating History for last three years: Please refer Annexure-2

**Covenants of rated instrument / facility:** Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instruments/facilities is given in Annexure-3

Complexity level of various instruments rated for this company: Annexure 4

Annexure-1: Details of Instruments / Facilities

| Name of the<br>Instrument             | ISIN | Date of<br>Issuance | Coupon<br>Rate | Maturity<br>Date     | Size of<br>the Issue<br>(Rs.<br>crore) | Rating assigned along with Rating Outlook |
|---------------------------------------|------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------|--|---|
| Fund-based - LT-Term<br>Loan          |      | -                   | -              | December 31,<br>2021 | 109.26                                 | CARE D                                    |
| Fund-based-Working capital facilities |      | -                   | -              | -                    | 161.99                                 | CARE D                                    |
| Non-fund-based-Short<br>Term          |      | -                   | -              | -                    | 528.77                                 | CARE D                                    |

Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

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|-----------|--|----------|---------------------------------|------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| Sr.<br>No | Name of the<br>Instrument/Ban<br>k Facilities                  | Typ<br>e | Amount Outstandin g (Rs. crore) | Ratin<br>g | Date(s)<br>&<br>Rating(s<br>)<br>assigned<br>in 2021-<br>2022 | Date(s)<br>&<br>Rating(s<br>)<br>assigned<br>in 2020-<br>2021 | Date(s) &<br>Rating(s)<br>assigned in<br>2019-2020                                    | Date(s)<br>&<br>Rating(s<br>)<br>assigned<br>in 2018-<br>2019 |  |
| 1         | Fund-based - LT-<br>Term Loan                                  | LT       | 109.26                          | CARE<br>D  | -   | 1)CARE D<br>(09-Mar-<br>21)<br>2)CARE D<br>(28-Apr-<br>20)    | 1)CARE D;<br>ISSUER NOT<br>COOPERATING<br>*<br>(27-Jan-20)<br>2)CARE D<br>(04-Apr-19) | 1)CARE D<br>(05-Apr-<br>18)                                   |  |
| 2         | Fund-based-<br>Working capital<br>facilities                   | LT       | 161.99                          | CARE<br>D  | -   | 1)CARE D<br>(09-Mar-<br>21)<br>2)CARE D<br>(28-Apr-<br>20)    | 1)CARE D;<br>ISSUER NOT<br>COOPERATING<br>*<br>(27-Jan-20)<br>2)CARE D<br>(04-Apr-19) | 1)CARE D<br>(05-Apr-<br>18)                                   |  |
| 3         | Non-fund-based-<br>Short Term                                  | ST       | 528.77                          | CARE<br>D  | -   | 1)CARE D<br>(09-Mar-<br>21)<br>2)CARE D<br>(28-Apr-<br>20)    | 1)CARE D;<br>ISSUER NOT<br>COOPERATING<br>*<br>(27-Jan-20)<br>2)CARE D<br>(04-Apr-19) | 1)CARE D<br>(05-Apr-<br>18)                                   |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Long Term / Short Term

# **Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instrument / facilities:** Not Applicable

Annexure 4: Complexity level of various instruments rated for this company

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|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Sr. No   | Name of instrument                    | Complexity level |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1  | Fund-based - LT-Term Loan             | Simple           |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2  | Fund-based-Working capital facilities | Simple           |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3  | Non-fund-based-Short Term             | Simple           |  |  |  |  |  |

## **Annexure 5: Bank Lender Details for this Company**

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To view the lender wise details of bank facilities please click here

**Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument:** CARE Ratings has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careedge.in for any clarifications.

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