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To,  
**BSE Limited**  
Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers,  
Dalal Street,  
Mumbai - 400 001

Scrip Code: 524669

To,  
**National Stock Exchange of India Limited**  
Exchange Plaza,  
Bandra - Kurla Complex,  
Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400 051

Symbol: HESTERBIO

**Dear Sir:****Subject: Intimation of assigned Credit Ratings**

Pursuant to Regulation 30 read with Schedule III of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("the Regulations"), we would like to inform that CARE Ratings Limited ('CARE Ratings'), vide its letter dated 1 January 2024 (received electronically), has assigned and reaffirmed the following ratings to the Company:

<b>Credit Facilities</b>	<b>Assigned Ratings</b>	<b>Rating Action</b>
Long - term Bank Facilities	CARE "BBB+; Stable" (Triple B Plus; Outlook: Stable)	Reaffirmed
Long - term / Short - term Bank Facilities	CARE "BBB+; Stable"/ CARE "A2" (Triple B Plus; Outlook: Stable/ A Two)	Reaffirmed
Short - term Bank Facilities	CARE "A2" (A Two)	Reaffirmed

The rating letter issued by the CARE Ratings Limited is enclosed herewith.

You are requested to take the above information on your record.

**Sincerely,**  
**For Hester Biosciences Limited**

**Vinod Mali**  
**Company Secretary & Compliance Officer**

No. CARE/ARO/RL/2023-24/6798

**Shri Rajiv Gandhi**  
**MD & CEO**  
**Hester Biosciences Limited**  
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January 01, 2024

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Dear Sir,

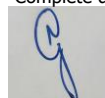
**Credit rating for bank facilities**

On the basis of recent developments including operational and financial performance of your Company for FY23 (Audited) and H1FY24 (Unaudited), our Rating Committee has reviewed the following ratings:

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	122.28 (Reduced from 133.26)	CARE BBB+; Stable (Triple B Plus; Outlook: Stable)	Reaffirmed
Long Term / Short Term Bank Facilities	65.00	CARE BBB+; Stable / CARE A2 (Triple B Plus ; Outlook: Stable / A Two)	Reaffirmed
Short Term Bank Facilities	0.22	CARE A2 (A Two)	Reaffirmed
Total Facilities	187.50 (Rs. One Hundred Eighty- Seven Crore and Fifty 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 will be sent to you shortly.

<sup>1</sup>Complete definitions of the ratings assigned are available at [www.careedge.in](http://www.careedge.in) and in other CARE Ratings Ltd.'s publications.



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5. CARE Ratings Ltd. reserves the right to revise/reaffirm/withdraw the rating assigned as also revise the outlook, as a result of periodic review/surveillance, based on any event or information which in the opinion of CARE Ratings Ltd. warrants such an action. In the event of failure on the part of the entity to furnish such information, material or clarifications as may be required by CARE Ratings Ltd. so as to enable it to carry out continuous monitoring of the rating of the bank facilities, CARE Ratings Ltd. shall carry out the review on the basis of best available information throughout the life time of such bank facilities. In such cases the credit rating symbol shall be accompanied by "ISSUER NOT COOPERATING". CARE Ratings Ltd. shall also be entitled to publicize/disseminate all the aforementioned rating actions in any manner considered appropriate by it, without reference to you.

6. Our ratings do not take into account the sovereign risk, if any, attached to the foreign currency loans, and the ratings are applicable only to the rupee equivalent of these loans.

7. Our ratings do not factor in any rating related trigger clauses as per the terms of the facility/instrument, which may involve acceleration of payments in case of rating downgrades. However, if any such clauses are introduced and if triggered, the ratings may see volatility and sharp downgrades.

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9. CARE Ratings Ltd. ratings are **not** recommendations to sanction, renew, disburse or recall the concerned bank facilities.

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. No.	Name of Bank / Lender	Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Debt Repayment Terms	Remarks
1.	State Bank of India	25.00	To be repaid in 20 equal quarterly instalment of Rs.1.25 crore each from March 2024.	Rs.19.38 crore disbursed as on September 30, 2023.
2.	State Bank of India	6.01	Repayable in 48 equally monthly instalments of Rs. 0.2292 crore each commenced from February 2022.	
3.	State Bank of India	6.00	Repayable in 48 equally monthly instalments starting from the month of June 2024.	
4.	State Bank of India	4.60	Repayable in 20 equally quarterly instalments of Rs. 0.40 crore each commenced from December 2021.	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>41.61</b>		

*Outstanding as on September 30, 2023.*

##### 1.B. Rupee Equivalent of Foreign Currency Term Loan

Sr. No.	Name of Bank / Lender	Amount	Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Debt Repayment Terms
1.	State Bank of India	9.71 (Mn. USD)	80.67	Sanctioned amount of USD 12 million. To be repaid in the quarterly instalments of USD 0.5714 each. Repayment started from December 2022.
	<b>Total</b>		<b>80.67</b>	

*Outstanding as on September 30, 2023.*

**Total Long Term Facilities : Rs.122.28 crore**

#### 2. Short Term Facilities

##### 2.A. Non-Fund Based Limits

Sr. No.	Name of Bank / Lender	Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Remarks
1.	State Bank of India	0.22	Credit Exposure Limit.
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.22</b>	



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**Total Short Term Facilities : Rs.0.22 crore**

### **3. Long Term / Short Term Facilities**

#### **3.A. Fund Based Limits**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of Bank / Lender</b>	<b>Rated Amount (Rs. crore)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1.	State Bank of India	60.00	Cash credit limit.
	<b>Total</b>	<b>60.00</b>	

#### **3.B. Non-Fund Based Limits**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of Bank / Lender</b>	<b>Rated Amount (Rs. crore)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1.	State Bank of India	5.00	Bank guarantee limit.
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5.00</b>	

**Total Long Term / Short Term Facilities : Rs.65.00 crore**

**Total Facilities (1.A+1.B+2.A+3.A+3.B) : Rs.187.50 crore**



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