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Dear Sir,

Sub: Intimation of Credit Rating pursuant to Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements)

We would like to inform that Care Ratings Limited vide its letter dated April 30, 2024 has changed the status of its rating on the outstanding Bank facilities of the Company from 'Rating Watch with Developing Implications' and has reaffirmed the rating as follows:

Facilities	Amount (In Rs. Crores)	Revised Rating	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	91.00	CARE AA; Stable (Double A; Outlook: Stable)	Reaffirmed and removed from Rating Watch with Developing Implications ; Stable outlook
Long Term/Short Term Bank Facilities	35.00	CARE AA; Stable / CARE A1+ (Double A; Outlook: Stable / A One Plus)	assigned Reaffirmed and removed from Rating Watch with Developing Implications ; Stable outlook assigned

The letter from the Care Ratings Limited covering the rationale for removal of "Rating Watch with Developing Implications' is enclosed.

Submitted for your kind information and record.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully For ANDHRA PAPER LIMITED



BIJAY KUMAR SANKU COMPANY SECRETARY

# ANDHRA PAPER LIMITED

(Corporate Identity Number: L21010AP1964PLC001008)

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No. CARE/HRO/RL/2024-25/1028

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April 30, 2024

## **Confidential**

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 9MFY24 (Unaudited), the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of Andhra Paper Ltd (APL) are removed from rating watch with developing implications (RWD).

Earlier, the ratings of APL were placed on RWD following company's announcement on April 16, 2024 that the operations of the manufacturing plant situated at Kadiyam Unit has been temporarily shut down on April 15, 2024 owing to non availability of pulp from manufacturing unit at Rajahmundry where the strike by workmen called by workers union was continuing since April 02, 2024. However, the company has announced on April 26, 2024 that the management has withdrawn the lockout at the company's manufacturing unit at Rajahmundry with effect from April 25, 2024 at 10.00 P.M and the workers also reporting to work as per shift schedules to resume their duties. Consequently, the Kadiyam unit has also resumed its manufacturing activities with pulp supply now restored. CARE Ratings Limited (CARE Ratings) acknowledging the above fact has removed the ratings from RWD.

Facilities	Amount (₹ crore)	<b>Rating</b> <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	91.00	CARE AA; Stable (Double A; Outlook: Stable)	Reaffirmed and removed from Rating Watch with Developing

<sup>1</sup>Complete definitions of the ratings assigned are available at <u>www.careedge.in</u> and in other CARE Ratings Ltd.'s publications.

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Facilities	Amount (₹ crore)	<b>Rating</b> <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
			Implications ; Stable outlook assigned
Long Term / Short Term Bank Facilities	35.00	CARE AA; Stable / CARE A1+ (Double A ; Outlook: Stable / A One Plus)	Reaffirmed and removed from Rating Watch with Developing Implications ; Stable outlook assigned

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 May 02, 2024, we will proceed on the basis that you have no any comments to offer.

4. CARE Ratings Ltd. reserves the right to undertake a surveillance/review of the rating from time to time, based on circumstances warranting such review, subject to at least one such review/surveillance every year.

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 afore-mentioned 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.

8. Users of this rating may kindly refer our website <u>www.careedge.in</u> for latest update on the outstanding rating.

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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. Fund Based Limits

Sr. No.	Name of Bank / Lender	Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Remarks
1.	Standard Chartered Bank	50.00	Fund Based Working Capital Limit
2.	Axis Bank Ltd.	30.00	Fund Based Working Capital Limit
3.	HDFC Bank Ltd.	10.00	Fund Based Working Capital Limit
4.	State Bank of India	1.00	Fund Based Working Capital Limit
	Total	91.00	

#### Total Long Term Facilities : Rs.91.00 crore

#### 2. Long Term / Short Term Facilities

## 2.A. Non-Fund Based Limits

Sr. No.	Name of Bank / Lender	Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Remarks
1.	HDFC Bank Ltd.	30.00	Letter of Credit/ Bank Guarantee
2.	State Bank of India	5.00	Letter of Credit/ Bank Guarantee
	Total	35.00	

#### Total Long Term / Short Term Facilities : Rs.35.00 crore

### Total Facilities (1.A+2.A) : Rs.126.00 crore

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