# HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST



### April 02, 2024

To,
Listing Compliance Department,
National Stock Exchange of India Limited Exchange
Plaza, C-1, Block-G Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra
(E), Mumbai-400051
Symbol- HIGHWAYS

To,
Corporate Relations Department,
BSE Limited
Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers Dalal Street,
Mumbai — 400 001
Security Code- 974227, 974228, 975333 & 725795

**Subject: Intimation of Credit Rating of Highways Infrastructure Trust** 

#### Ref:

1. Regulation 23 and any other applicable provisions of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Infrastructure Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014, as amended from time to time;

2. SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to inform you that we are in receipt of credit rating letters from India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) for the debt instrument and term loan facilities of Highways Infrastructure Trust's (HIT):-

| Sl. No. | Instrument Type                     | Size of Issue<br>(INR Million) | Rating/Outlook             |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1       | Term Loan                           | 484                            | IND AAA/Stable             |
| 2       | Term Loan                           | 4900                           | IND AAA/Stable             |
| 3       | Term Loan                           | 2425                           | IND AAA/Stable             |
| 4       | Term Loan                           | 750                            | IND AAA/Stable             |
| 5       | Term Loan                           | 3500                           | IND AAA/Stable             |
| 6       | Term Loan                           | 4500                           | IND AAA/Stable             |
| 7       | Term Loan                           | 4000                           | IND AAA/Stable             |
| 8       | Term Loan                           | 7000                           | IND AAA/Stable             |
| 9       | Non-convertible debentures (NCDs)   | 6418                           | IND AAA/Stable             |
| 10      | Non-convertible debentures (NCDs) 2 | 5000                           | IND AAA/Stable             |
| 11      | Non-convertible debentures (NCDs) 3 | 2200                           | Provisional IND AAA/Stable |
| 12      | Commercial Paper                    | 2750                           | IND A1+                    |

Please find enclosed herewith India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) communication for your reference.

You are requested to kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you,

For Highway Concessions One Private Limited

(acting in its capacity as Investment Manager of Highways Infrastructure Trust)

Kuhjal Shah

Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Place: Mumbai Encl. A/a

# **HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST**



### CC:

| Axis Trustee Services Limited                       | Catalyst Trusteeship Limited                       |
|---|--|
| ("Trustee of the HIT")                              | ("Debenture Trustee")                              |
| Axis House, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound,           | 901, 9th Floor, Tower B, Peninsula Business Park,  |
| Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai - 400025.     | Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013, |
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|   | Maharashtra, India                                 |
| ICICI Bank Ltd.                                     |  |
| ("Issuing & Paying Agent")                          |  |
|   |  |
| ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex,            |  |
| Bandra, (East), Mumbai - 400051.                    |  |





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April 01, 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Rating Letter for Bank Loan Ratings of HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST

Please refer to the rating letter dated 08-02-2024.

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) is pleased to communicate the ratings of HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST's bank facilities.

The revised bank wise facilities are mentioned in the Annexure while the overall facilities remain unchanged.

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Sincerely,

India Ratings

Vishal Kotecha Director





## Annexure: Facilities Breakup

| <b>Instrument Description</b> | Banks Name                                   | Ratings        | Outstanding/Rated Amount(INR million) |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Term loan                     | Axis Bank Limited                            | IND AAA/Stable | 484.00                                |
| Term loan                     | ICICI Bank                                   | IND AAA/Stable | 4900.00                               |
| Term loan                     | State Bank of India                          | IND AAA/Stable | 2425.00                               |
| Term loan                     | ICICI Bank                                   | IND AAA/Stable | 750.00                                |
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| Term loan                     | ICICI Bank                                   | IND AAA/Stable | 4000.00                               |
| Term loan                     | India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited | IND AAA/Stable | 7000.00                               |







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April 01, 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Rating Letter for non-convertible debenture (NCD) programme of HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST

This is in reference to the rating action commentary released on 8th February 2024.

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) is pleased to communicate the following ratings of HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST:

| Instrument Type                   | Size of Issue (million) | Rating/Outlook             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Non-convertible debentures (NCDs) | INR6,418                | IND AAA/Stable             |
| NCDs 2                            | INR5,000                | IND AAA/Stable             |
| Proposed NCDs 3                   | INR2,200                | Provisional IND AAA/Stable |

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Annexure: ISIN

| Instrument | ISIN         | Date of Issuance | Coupon Rate | Maturity Date | Ratings        | Outstanding/Rated Amount(INR million) |
|------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| NCDs       | INE0KXY07018 | 23/09/2022       | 7.71        | 22/12/2025    | IND AAA/Stable | 3960.00                               |
| NCDs       | INE0KXY07026 | 23/09/2022       | 8.25        | 22/09/2029    | IND AAA/Stable | 2475.00                               |
| NCDs 2     | INE0KXY07034 | 15/01/2024       | 8.34        | 18/01/2027    | IND AAA/Stable | 5000.00                               |

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Rating of Commercial Paper programme of HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST

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India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) is pleased to communicate the rating of 'IND A1+' for the INR2750 million commercial paper (CP) programme of HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST.

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