

Date: August 30, 2023

To

<b>National Stock Exchange of India Limited</b> Exchange Plaza, C-1, Block-G Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051 <b>Symbol- HIGHWAYS</b>	<b>BSE Limited</b> Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers Dalal Street, Mumbai — 400 001 <b>Security Code-974227, 974228</b>
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**Sub: Intimation of Credit Rating of Highways Infrastructure Trust**

**Ref:**

- 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;**
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to inform you that CRISIL Ratings Limited (“**CRISIL Ratings**”) and India Ratings and Research Pvt Ltd. (“**India Ratings**”) has affirmed and assigned the following rating of Highways Infrastructure Trust’s (“**Trust**”) existing and potential credit facilities which includes debt instrument and term loan facilities respectively: -

Sl. No.	Existing Instruments				Potential credit facilities			
	Particulars	Size of Issue (INR Million)	Rating/Outlook (CRISIL Ratings)	Rating/Outlook (India Ratings)	Particulars	Size of Issue (INR Million)	Rating/Outlook (CRISIL Ratings)	Rating/Outlook (India Ratings)
1	Total Bank Loan Facilities Rated	8000		IND AAA/Stable	Total Bank Loan Facilities Rated	18,000	CRISIL AAA/Stable	Provisional IND AAA/Stable
2	Non-convertible debentures (NCDs)	6500	CRISIL AAA/Stable		Non-convertible debentures (NCDs)	6,000		
3	Total Bank Loan Facilities Rated	750	-		-	-	-	-

Please find attached the rating letters issued by CRISIL Ratings and India Ratings.

You are requested to kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you,

**For Highway Concessions One Private Limited**  
**(acting in its capacity as the Investment Manager of Highways Infrastructure Trust)**

**Kunjai Shah**  
**Company Secretary and Compliance Officer**

CC:

<b>Axis Trustee Services Limited</b> ("Trustee of the HIT") Axis House, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai - 400 025, Maharashtra, India	<b>Catalyst Trusteeship Limited</b> ("Debenture Trustee") Windsor, 6th floor, Office No.604, C.S.T Road, Kalina, Santacruz (East), Mumbai - 400098
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Dear Mr. Praveen Kumar,

**Re: Review of CRISIL Ratings on the bank facilities of Highways Infrastructure Trust**

All ratings assigned by CRISIL Ratings are kept under continuous surveillance and review.

Please find in the table below the ratings outstanding for the debt instruments/facilities of the company, and the rating actions by CRISIL Ratings on the ratings as on date.

<b>Total Bank Loan Facilities Rated</b>	<b>Rs.2600 Crore (Enhanced from Rs.800 Crore)</b>
<b>Long Term Rating</b>	<b>CRISIL AAA/Stable (Reaffirmed)</b>

(Bank-wise details as per Annexure 1)

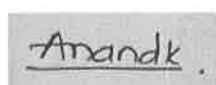
As per our Rating Agreement, CRISIL Ratings would disseminate the ratings, along with the outlook, through its publications and other media, and keep the ratings, along with the outlook, under surveillance over the life of the instrument/facility. CRISIL Ratings reserves the right to withdraw, or revise the ratings, along with the outlook, at any time, on the basis of new information, or unavailability of information, or other circumstances which CRISIL Ratings believes may have an impact on the ratings. Please visit [www.crisilratings.com](http://www.crisilratings.com) and search with the name of the rated entity to access the latest rating/s.

In the event of the company not availing the proposed facilities within a period of 180 days from the date of this letter, a fresh letter of revalidation from CRISIL Ratings will be necessary.

Should you require any clarification, please feel free to get in touch with us.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



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**Annexure 1 - Bank-wise details of various facility classes (outstanding facilities)**

S.No.	Bank Facility	Bank	Amount (Rs. in Crore)	Outstanding Rating
1	Proposed Term Loan	--	1800	CRISIL AAA/Stable
2	Term Loan	Axis Bank Limited	50	CRISIL AAA/Stable
3	Term Loan	ICICI Bank Limited	500	CRISIL AAA/Stable
4	Term Loan	State Bank of India	250	CRISIL AAA/Stable
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2600</b>	

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Dear Mr. Praveen Kumar,

**Re: CRISIL Rating on the Rs.600 Crore Non Convertible Debentures of Highways Infrastructure Trust**

We refer to your request for a rating for the captioned Debt instrument.

CRISIL Ratings has, after due consideration, assigned a CRISIL AAA/Stable (pronounced as CRISIL triple A rating with Stable outlook) rating to the captioned Debt instrument. Securities with this rating are considered to have the highest degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such securities carry lowest credit risk.

Further, in view of your decision to accept the CRISIL Ratings, we request you to apprise us of the instrument details (in the enclosed format) as soon as it has been placed. In the event of your company not making the issue within a period of 180 days from the above date, or in the event of any change in the size or structure of your proposed issue, a fresh letter of revalidation from CRISIL Ratings will be necessary.

As per our Rating Agreement, CRISIL Ratings would disseminate the rating along with outlook through its publications and other media, and keep the rating along with outlook under surveillance for the life of the instrument. CRISIL Ratings reserves the right to withdraw, or revise the rating / outlook assigned to the captioned instrument at any time, on the basis of new information, or unavailability of information, or other circumstances which CRISIL Ratings believes may have an impact on the rating. Please visit [www.crisilratings.com](http://www.crisilratings.com) and search with the name of the rated entity to access the latest rating/s.

As per SEBI circular (reference number: CIR/IMD/DF/17/2013; dated October 22, 2013) on centralized database for corporate bonds/debentures, you are required to provide international securities identification number (ISIN; along with the reference number and the date of the rating letter) of all bond/debenture issuances made against this rating letter to us. The circular also requires you to share this information with us within 2 days after the allotment of the ISIN. We request you to mail us all the necessary and relevant information at [debtissue@crisil.com](mailto:debtissue@crisil.com). This will enable CRISIL Ratings to verify and confirm to the depositories, including NSDL and CDSL, the ISIN details of debt rated by us, as required by SEBI. Feel free to contact us at [debtissue@crisil.com](mailto:debtissue@crisil.com) for any clarification you may need.

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With warm regards,

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**Details of the Rs.600 Crore Non Convertible Debentures of  
Highways Infrastructure Trust**

	<i>1st tranche</i>		<i>2nd tranche</i>		<i>3rd tranche</i>	
<i>Instrument Series:</i>						
<i>Amount Placed:</i>						
<i>Maturity Period:</i>						
<i>Put or Call Options (if any):</i>						
<i>Coupon Rate:</i>						
<i>Interest Payment Dates:</i>						
<i>Principal Repayment Details:</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Investors:</i>						
<i>Trustees:</i>						

***In case there is an offer document for the captioned Debt issue, please send us a copy of it.***

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*Dear Sir/Madam,*

**Re: Rating Letter for BLR & NCDs of HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST**

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has taken the following rating actions on Highways Infrastructure Trust’s (HIT) debt instruments:

Instrument Type	Maturity Date	Size of Issue (million)	Rating/Outlook	Rating Action
Bank guarantee (BG)^		INR750	IND AAA/Stable	Affirmed
Non-convertible debentures (NCDs)*	-	INR6,451 (reduced from INR6,468)	IND AAA/Stable	Affirmed
Rupee term loan (RTL)	31 March 2036	INR7,849 (reduced from INR7,889)	IND AAA/Stable	Affirmed
Proposed Rupee term loan 2**		INR18,000	Provisional IND AAA/Stable	Assigned
Proposed NCD 2**		INR6,000	Provisional IND AAA/Stable	Assigned

\*Detail in Annexure

^Bank Guarantee can be provided for period exceeding 12 months with a maximum period of two years

\*\*The rating on the proposed NCDs and RTL is provisional and pending execution of documents. The final rating, upon receipt of executed documents consistent with the draft documents, shall be assigned within 90 days from the date of issuance of the instrument. The provisional rating may be extended by another 90 days, subject to Ind-Ra’s policy, if the execution of the documents is pending.

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Sincerely,

India Ratings



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Senior Director

**Annexure: Facilities Breakup**

Instrument Description	Banks Name	Ratings	Outstanding/Rated Amount(INR million)
Rupee Term Loan	Axis Bank Limited	IND AAA/Stable	487.00
Rupee Term Loan	ICICI Bank	IND AAA/Stable	4925.00
Rupee Term Loan	State Bank of India	IND AAA/Stable	2437.00
Bank Guarantee	ICICI Bank	IND AAA/Stable	750.00
Rupee Term Loan	NA	Provisional IND AAA/Stable	18000.00

**NCDs:**

ISIN	Date of Issue	Coupon Rate	Maturity date	Size of Issue (million)	Rating/Outlook
INE0KXY07018	23 September 2022	7.71%	22 December 2025	INR3,970 (reduced from INR3,980)	IND AAA/Stable
INE0KXY07026	23 September 2022	8.25%	22 September 2029	INR2,481 (reduced from INR2,488)	IND AAA/Stable
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<b>INR6,451</b>	-