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The General Manager,
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COMPANY CODE: ABSMARINE

SUBJECT: Notification under Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 – Credit Ratings

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to the Provisions of Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations 2015, we would like to inform you that CRISIL Ratings based on Financials of 2024-2025 is mentioned in the below table-

S.No.	Type / Facility	Present Rating	Remarks
1	Long Term - Bank Facilities	Crisil BBB+/Stable	Reaffirmed
2	Short Term - Bank Facilities	Crisil A2	Previous Year Rating FY 2023-2024- CRISIL A3+ Current Year Rating FY 2024-2025- Crisil A2

The rating rationale dated 19th August 2025 published by CRISIL Ratings Ltd. are enclosed herewith.

Kindly take the same on your record and acknowledge.

Yours faithfully,

For ABS MARINE SERVICES LIMITED

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Rating Rationale

August 19, 2025 | Mumbai

ABS Marine Services Limited

Long-term rating reaffirmed at 'Crisil BBB+/Stable'; 'Crisil A2' assigned to short-term bank debt; Rated amount enhanced for Bank Debt

Rating Action

Total Bank Loan Facilities Rated	Rs.370.5 Crore (Enhanced from Rs.335 Crore)
Long Term Rating	Crisil BBB+/Stable (Reaffirmed)
Short Term Rating	Crisil A2 (Assigned)

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1 crore = 10 million

Refer to Annexure for Details of Instruments & Bank Facilities

Detailed Rationale

Crisil Ratings has reaffirmed its 'Crisil BBB+/Stable' rating on the long-term bank facilities of ABS Marine Services Limited (ABS). Crisil Ratings has also assigned its '**Crisil A2**' rating to the short term bank facilities of ABS.

The rating factors in the improvement in ABS's operating and financial performance over the last fiscal and expected sustenance of the same in the near to medium term. The company's operating revenue has improved from Rs. 135 crores in fiscal 2024 to Rs. 179 crores in fiscal 2025, driven by higher freight charter rates. ABS will benefit from steady cash flows with the long-term chartering agreement from ONGC, Schlumberger and other customers. While margins have moderated due to IPO-related expenses & rationalization of charter rates over the near term, the company will continue to benefit from high revenue visibility and steady cashflows with the long-term with Schlumberger and ONGC.

The improved business risk profile is buoyed by sound financial metrics, as reflected in the improved net-worth of Rs. 240 crores due to the IPO and a comfortable total outside liabilities (TOL) to tangible net-worth (TNW) ratio of below unity over the last five fiscals. The debt protection and coverage metrics remain strong, driven by healthy operating profitability. The financial risk profile is expected to remain healthy even after factoring in debt-funded capital expenditure (capex) of around Rs. 245 crores for the purchase of two vessels in the current fiscal.

The rating continues to reflect ABS's promoters' extensive experience and established market position in the shipping services industry, steady cash flow from long-term with ONGC & Schlumberger and strong financial risk profile. These rating strengths are partially offset by the exposure to customer concentration risks and tender-based nature of operations and intense competition.

Analytical Approach

Crisil Ratings has consolidated the business and financial risk profile of ABS with its subsidiary Epsom Shipping India Private Limited (ESIPL) and ABS Marine Singapore Pte Ltd (ABSMS) on account of increased significant operational and financial linkages of the companies with increased investments.

Please refer Annexure - List of Entities Consolidated, which captures the list of entities considered and their analytical treatment of consolidation.

Key Rating Drivers & Detailed Description

Strengths:

Promoters' extensive experience and established market position in the shipping services industry: The promoters have experience of over a decade in the chartered shipping industry. Over the years, they have developed healthy relationships with their customers resulting in improved sales and growth in net worth. ABS has been an established player in the shipping services industry for nearly two decades and provides diversified services such as manning and technical services and chartering and hiring services. Over the years, the promoters have established healthy relations with customers, resulting in stable revenue. They have secured newer orders of over Rs. 364 crores in FY 25, indicating their strong market position.

Steady cash flow from long-term contracts with Schlumberger and ONGC: ABS benefits from high revenue visibility and steady cash flows with the long-term contract with ONGC & Schlumberger. With the long-term contract from Schlumberger for vessel-Celestial for 3 years (extendable for 6 years at the option of charterer) and vessel-AM Passion for 3 years (extendable for 3 years at the option of charterer), and new contracts entered into periodically with ONGC for 2-3 years, ABS's revenues and cash flows would be steady over the medium term, driven by steady repayments on a timely basis with improved margins from earlier contracts.

Strong financial risk profile: High net worth, healthy gearing, and comfortable debt protection metrics support financial risk profile. Supported by net worth of Rs 240 crore, gearing was comfortable at 0.75 times as on March 31, 2025. The company has also raised an amount of Rs. 96.25 crores through IPO in the month of May 2024. The debt protection metrics are comfortable driven by its healthy profitability as reflected in interest coverage and NCATD of 9.04 times and 0.22 times in fiscal 2025. Despite the debt funded vessel acquisitions in fiscal 2026, the financial risk profile is expected to remain healthy in the medium term, marked by an estimated net worth at Rs. 260 crores, gearing at 1.3 times and NCATD ratios at 0.15 times respectively.

Weaknesses:

Exposure to customer concentration risks: Significant portion of the ABS's revenue comes from its few top customers; this exposes the company to customer concentration risks. Any change in the business risk profile of its largest customers could have a significant impact on the company's performance.

Tender-based nature of operations and intense competition: ABS's tender-based operations and intense competition will constrain the business risk profile over the medium term. Majority of the company's manning and technical services are tender-based, resulting in exposure to risks related to loss of contracts. Furthermore, the shipping services industry is highly fragmented and competitive, resulting in limited pricing power for players.

Liquidity: Adequate

Cash accrual are expected to be over Rs. 50-58 crores which are sufficient against term debt obligation of Rs 25-39 crore over the medium term. The company also maintains additional average mutual fund investments of over Rs. 12 crores which supports the liquidity further. Low gearing and moderate net worth support its financial flexibility and provides the financial cushion available in case of any adverse conditions or downturn in the business. Current ratio are healthy at 4.1 times on March 31, 2025

Outlook: Stable

Crisil Ratings believes ABS will continue to benefit over the medium term from its established market position in the shipping services industry

Rating sensitivity factors

Upward factors

- Sustained increase in scale of operations or operating profitability leading to higher cash accruals.
- Healthy cash generation and prudent working capital management, leading to improvement in debt protection metrics
- Improvement in the financial risk profile resulting in Debt/EBIDTA of less than 2.5-3 times

Downward factors:

- Decline in scale of operations or profitability margin of less than 20% leading to lesser than expected cash accruals
- Lower-than-anticipated revenue and operating margin, on account of delay in renewal of contracts
- Deterioration in debt protection metrics due to larger-than-expected and debt-funded capex/acquisition or sizeable stretch in the working capital cycle

About the Group

Incorporated in 1992, Chennai-based ABS Marine is involved in Ship Owning, Ship manning and technical services and hiring and charter of ships. The promoters, Captain P B Narayanan, Ms. Shreelatha Narayanan, Ms.Arathi Narayanan and Captain Sanjeevan Jeevan Krishnan, manage the operations.

Epsom Shipping India Private Limited is engaged in the business of Ship Owning and providing Charter hire service.

ABS Marine Singapore PTE Limited is engaged in the business of ship owning, ship operations and management

Key Financial Indicators

Consolidated

As on / for the period ended March 31		2025	2024
Operating income	Rs crore	179.85	135.26
Reported profit after tax	Rs crore	27.25	25.41
PAT margins	%	15.15	18.79
Adjusted Debt/Adjusted Net worth	Times	0.77	0.36
Interest coverage	Times	9.82	8.16

Standalone

As on / for the period ended March 31		2025	2024
Operating income	Rs crore	171.36	118.15
Reported profit after tax	Rs crore	26.72	19.53
PAT margins	%	15.60	16.53
Adjusted Debt/Adjusted Net worth	Times	0.61	0.14
Interest coverage	Times	16.06	16.17

Any other information: Not Applicable

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument:

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Annexure - Details of Instrument(s)

ISIN	Name Of Instrument	Date Of Allotment	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Issue Size (Rs. Crore)	Complexity Levels	Rating Outstanding with Outlook
NA	Bank Guarantee	NA	NA	NA	30.00	NA	Crisil A2
NA	Cash Credit	NA	NA	NA	20.10	NA	Crisil BBB+/Stable
NA	Overdraft Facility	NA	NA	NA	6.07	NA	Crisil BBB+/Stable
NA	Long Term Loan	NA	NA	17-Mar-28	2.80	NA	Crisil BBB+/Stable
NA	Long Term Loan	NA	NA	17-Mar-28	0.60	NA	Crisil BBB+/Stable
NA	Long Term Loan	NA	NA	17-Mar-28	5.00	NA	Crisil BBB+/Stable
NA	Long Term Loan	NA	NA	31-Mar-32	60.00	NA	Crisil BBB+/Stable
NA	Long Term Loan	NA	NA	31-Mar-33	70.00	NA	Crisil BBB+/Stable
NA	Long Term Loan	NA	NA	28-Feb-34	100.00	NA	Crisil BBB+/Stable
NA	Long Term Loan	NA	NA	01-Jun-33	75.00	NA	Crisil BBB+/Stable
NA	Long Term Loan	NA	NA	20-Oct-27	0.64	NA	Crisil BBB+/Stable
NA	Long Term Loan	NA	NA	05-Nov-27	0.29	NA	Crisil BBB+/Stable

Annexure – List of entities consolidated

Names of Entities Consolidated	Extent of Consolidation	Rationale for Consolidation
Abs Marine (Singapore) Pte Limited	full	Business and Financial Linkages
ABS Marine Services Limited	full	Business and Financial Linkages
Epsom Shipping India Private Limited	full	Business and Financial Linkages

Annexure - Rating History for last 3 Years

		Current		2025 (History)		2024		2023		2022		Start of 2022
Instrument	Type	Outstanding Amount	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Rating
Fund Based Facilities	LT	340.5	Crisil BBB+/Stable	05-08-25	Crisil BBB+/Stable	22-10-24	Crisil BBB/Stable		--	29-11-22	Crisil BBB-/Stable	Crisil BBB-/Stable
				31-07-25	Crisil BBB+/Stable	06-02-24	Crisil BBB/Stable		--	09-11-22	Crisil BBB-/Stable	--
Non-Fund Based Facilities	ST	30.0	Crisil A2		--	22-10-24	Crisil A3+		--	29-11-22	Crisil A3	Crisil A3
					--	06-02-24	Crisil A3+		--	09-11-22	Crisil A3	--

All amounts are in Rs.Cr.

Annexure - Details of Bank Lenders & Facilities

Facility	Amount (Rs.Crore)	Name of Lender	Rating
Bank Guarantee	30	State Bank of India	Crisil A2

Cash Credit	20.1	State Bank of India	Crisil BBB+/Stable
Long Term Loan	60	HDFC Bank Limited	Crisil BBB+/Stable
Long Term Loan	70	ICICI Bank Limited	Crisil BBB+/Stable
Long Term Loan	100	Bandhan Bank Limited	Crisil BBB+/Stable
Long Term Loan	75	HDFC Bank Limited	Crisil BBB+/Stable
Long Term Loan	0.29	HDFC Bank Limited	Crisil BBB+/Stable
Long Term Loan	2.8	HDFC Bank Limited	Crisil BBB+/Stable
Long Term Loan	0.6	HDFC Bank Limited	Crisil BBB+/Stable
Long Term Loan	5	HDFC Bank Limited	Crisil BBB+/Stable
Long Term Loan	0.64	HDFC Bank Limited	Crisil BBB+/Stable
Overdraft Facility	2.57	Bandhan Bank Limited	Crisil BBB+/Stable
Overdraft Facility	1.5	HDFC Bank Limited	Crisil BBB+/Stable
Overdraft Facility	2	ICICI Bank Limited	Crisil BBB+/Stable

Criteria Details

Links to related criteria
Basics of Ratings (including default recognition, assessing information adequacy)
Criteria for consolidation
Criteria for manufacturing, trading and corporate services sector (including approach for financial ratios)

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