

Annexure I

Rationale IL & FS Financial Services Ltd.

Ratings

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Rating Rationale

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Background

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IFIN has an international presence through its fully-owned subsidiaries in Singapore, United Kingdom and Dubai. These subsidiaries were set up mainly to assist corporates for their overseas borrowing, through private equity syndication and advisory services. During FY12 (refers to the period April 2011 to March 2012), IFIN has set up a wholly-owned subsidiary in Hong Kong, IL&FS Global Financial Services (HK) Ltd.

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Credit Risk Assessment

Strong parentage

IFIN is the wholly-owned subsidiary of IL&FS, one of India's leading infrastructure development companies and rated CARE AAA. By virtue of being the wholly-owned subsidiary of IL&FS, IFIN enjoys high financial flexibility in addition to benefits arising from group synergies. The rating further derives strength from the operational and managerial support extended to it by IL&FS.

Robust capitalisation levels

IFIN continues to have robust capitalisation levels, with overall CAR being 21.33% [Tier I CAR: 14.71%] as on June 30, 2012. Higher Tier I capital will provide sufficient headroom to IFIN for raising Tier II capital which shall enable it to fund the asset book growth. As on June 30, 2012, IFIN's overall gearing stood at moderate 5.82x.

Reduced exposure to the promoter financing (PF) segment

In continuation to the trend witnessed since the last few years, IFIN has been consciously curtailing its exposure to promoter funding segment and has instead been focusing on infrastructure lending. Although the composition of real estate backed loans in the total lending mix has remained stable, the promoter funding exposure has steadily declined from 46% as on March 31, 2010, to 30% as on March 31, 2012. On the other hand, proportion of infrastructure loans has significantly increased from 15% as on March 31, 2010, to 37% as on March 31, 2012.

Comfortable liquidity position

IFIN's liquidity profile is characterized by negative cumulative mismatches in short to medium time buckets on account of rise in the proportion of medium to long-term infrastructure loans over the past few years as well as rise in the medium-long-term investments/ credit substitutes (in the form of equity shares and NCDs). However, in order to match the medium-term nature of lending, IFIN has been consciously trying to reduce reliance on the short-term borrowings. During FY12, the proportion of long-term borrowings (comprising bank loans and subordinated debt) in the resources profile increased to 83% as on March 31, 2012 [P.Y.: 77%]. Besides, parent support, moderate gearing as well as strong resource raising ability will enable it to contain any temporary mismatches.

Repricing risk

The interest rate sensitivity statement of the company exhibits cumulative gaps in one-year time frame. Despite the significant rise in the proportion of loan book on floating rates to 73% as on March 31, 2012 [P.Y.:53%], the repricing risk in one-year time frame has risen

primarily on account of significant rise in the infrastructure lending. In case of infrastructure loans, loan resets on fresh disbursements happen only after the completion of the initial year and a significant portion of the loan book built up has taken place in H2FY12. In addition, considering that further rise in interest rates seems to be unlikely, declining interest rates coupled with repricing of infrastructure loans in Q3 FY13 is expected to have a positive impact on IFIN's margins.

Improving asset quality

Over the last few years, IFIN has been able to maintain sound asset quality. Since FY08, the NPA levels of the company have largely remained stable in absolute terms. However, during FY11, there was rise in NPAs primarily on account of the slippage in one large account Recovery in case of the aforementioned account has led to improvement in the asset quality. As on June 30, 2012, the GNPA and NNPA ratios improved to 0.58% and 0.42%, respectively; net NPA/ networth being 2.24%.

Risk management

Risk management systems play a critical role since majority of IFIN's funding is towards big ticket loans. IFIN has concentration risk with top 15 individual borrowers constituting approximately 34.3% [P.Y.: 39.9%] of the total portfolio. However, the asset quality risk is somewhat mitigated given its parent's expertise in credit appraisal and execution of infrastructure projects. As a result, the company continues to report comfortable asset quality. In order to counter the risk arising from its borrower concentration in the promoter funding, the company maintains an average share cover of around 2x. As on March 31, 2012, IFIN had average cover of 2.74x [P.Y.: 2.38x] on its top 15 promoter funding clients.

Continued subdued financial performance

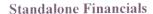
During FY12, the company witnessed a strong 46% yoy growth during FY12, primarily on the back of robust loan portfolio growth at higher yields. Loan book (including credit substitutes) increased by 41.5% to Rs.8,470 crore as on March 31, 2012 [P.Y.: Rs.5,987 crore]. However, despite the healthy loan growth and higher portfolio yields, IFIN's margins declined by 93 bps to 3.11% during FY12 on account of the following: a) In case of infrastructure loans, loan resets on fresh disbursements happen only after the completion of the initial year and since a significant portion of the loan book built up has taken place in H2FY12, the company has been unable to pass on higher borrowing costs. The company expects such loans to reset during Q3 FY13. b) During the last two years, there has been a shift in the lending portfolio from high yielding real estate backed and the promoter funding



loans to infrastructure loans which carry relatively lower spreads and c) the company has consciously refrained from passing on higher borrowing costs partly to prevent asset quality concerns.



Higher borrowing costs have offset the robust fund-based income growth and operational efficiencies, thereby resulting into 21% yoy decline in profits to Rs.256 crore during FY12. On a sequential basis, annualized margins and other profitability parameters continued to slide, given the high borrowing costs and limited repricing ability. During Q1FY13, IFIN reported PAT of Rs.34 crore, down by 19% on y-o-y basis.





(Rs. Crore)

Particulars as on / for the period ended	FY10	FY11	FY12
Interest Income	748	760	1165
Interest Expenses	412	455	860
Net Interest Income	336	305	305
Other Fund Based Income	128	83	65
Total fund based income	876	843	1230
Fee Income	155	258	194
Other income	3	5	3
Total Income	1034	1106	1427
Operating Expenses	108	108	118
Provisions	46	66	69
PBT	467	471	377
PAT	315	326	256
Total Assets	6694	8408	11230
Loans & advances	4093	4945	7424
Investments	1432	2517	3138
Tangible Networth	1381	1529	1611
Borrowings	4660	6178	8855
Key Ratios (%)			
Int. income/ avg. Int. earning assets	16.44	14.35	16.74
Int. expense/ avg. Int. bearing liabilities	8.67	8.40	11.44
Interest Spread	7.77	5.95	5.30
NIM	5.05	4.04	3.11
ROTA	4.73	4.31	2.60
Overall Debt / Networth (times)	3.37	4.04	5.50
CAR	25.99	21.19	20.24
Tier I CAR	24.74	19.94	15.21
Interest coverage (after provisions & tax)	1.76	1.72	1.30
Fee income / total income	14.95	23.39	13.58
Oper. Expns./Av.Total Assets	1.62	1.50	1.24
Gross NPA (%)	1.57	1.72	0.60
Net NPA (%)	0.74	1.44	0.44
Net NPA to Networth (%)	2.17	5.59	2.29

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Press Release

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