

ICRA Lanka Withdraws the Issuer Rating of LCB Finance PLC

November 30, 2022

Instrument*	Rated Amount (LKR Mn)	Rating Action
Issuer Rating	N/A	[SL]B+; Rating watch with developing implications; Withdrawn

Rating action

ICRA Lanka Limited (“ICRA Lanka”) has withdrawn the Issuer rating of [SL] B+ (pronounced SL B plus) under rating watch with developing implications, assigned to LCB Finance PLC (“LCF” / “the Company”). The withdrawal is as a result of termination of rating agreement(s) entered into by LCF with ICRA Lanka, pursuant to the decision by ICRA Lanka to cease its business operations in Sri Lanka.

The termination of the rating agreement(s) is as per Rule 88(b) of the Credit Rating Agency Rules promulgated under the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act No. 19 of 2021 (the “SEC Act”).

About the Company:

LCB Finance PLC (LCF) is a licensed Finance Company providing an array of products including Leasing, Hire Purchase, Business loans, Gold loans, Micro Finance, and Factoring. The Company was incorporated in 1962 as Industrial Finance Limited. In 2008, the ownership of the Company was transferred to ASPIC group and subsequently to Millennium group in 2009. The Company went through a name change in 2012 as City Finance Limited. In April 2018, under the guidance of Central Bank of Sri Lanka, LCB Limited (LCB), took over the Company and renamed it as LCB Finance Limited. LCB transferred its assets and liabilities to LCF during May 2018 and became its holding company. As of Sep-22, LCB Limited held 72.08% of LCF.

Rating history for last three years:

Instrument	Current Rating Exercise			Chronology of Rating History		
	Type	Amount Rated (LKR Mn)	Date & Rating FY2023 Nov 2022	Date & Rating FY2023 Jun 2022	Date & Rating FY2022 Jun 2021	Date & Rating FY2021 Sep 2020
Issuer rating	N/A	N/A	[SL]B+ (on watch with developing implications); Withdrawn	[SL]B+ (Stable)	[SL]B+ (Stable)	[SL]B (Stable)



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