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Dear Sir,

Re: ICRA rating for Rs. 1,600 crore<sup>1</sup> Commercial Paper (CP) Programme of CESC Limited

Please refer to your request dated March 4, 2020 for revalidating the rating letter issued for the captioned programme.

We confirm that the [ICRA]A1+ (pronounced as ICRA A one plus) rating assigned to your captioned programme and last communicated to you vide our letter dated March 25, 2019 stands. Instruments with [ICRA]A1+ rating are considered to have very strong degree of safety regarding timely payment of financial obligations. Such instruments carry lowest credit risk. Within this category rating modifier {"+" (plus)} can be used with the rating symbols. The modifier reflects the comparative standing within the category.

Additionally, we wish to highlight the following with respect to the rating:

(a) If the instrument rated, as above, is not issued by you within a period of 3 months from the date of this letter, the rating would need to be revalidated before issuance;

(b) Subject to Clause (c) below, our rating is valid from the date of this letter till June 21, 2020 ("Validity Period"). The rating will generally be due for review at the end of the Validity Period. The maturity date of the CP shall not be after the end of the Validity Period. The Short Term Debt will have a maximum maturity of twelve months.

(c) Notwithstanding anything contain in clause (b) above, ICRA reserves the right to review and/or, revise the above rating at any time on the basis of new information or unavailability of information or such circumstances, which ICRA believes, may have an impact on the aforesaid rating assigned to you.

<sup>1</sup> Rs. 1,300 crore commercial paper facility is carved out of fund-based working capital lines from banks, and the rating of the aforementioned instrument is based on the condition that total short-term borrowings (including commercial paper raised against the Rs. 1,300 crore line, short-term debt and bank borrowings) of the company at any given point of time should not exceed the company's drawing power or the bank sanctioned fund-based limits (whichever is lower). The balance Rs. 300 crore enhanced commercial paper facility is over and above the assessed fund-based working capital limits from banks.

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The rating, as aforesaid, however, should not be treated as a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the CP issued by you. The rating is restricted to your CP Programme size of Rs. 1,600 crore only.

In case, you propose to enhance the size of CP Programme, the same would be required to be rated afresh. ICRA does not assume any responsibility on its part, for any liability, that may arise consequent to your not complying with any eligibility criteria, applicable from time to time, for issuance of CP.

You are requested to forthwith inform us about any default or delay in repayment of interest or principal amount of the instrument rated, as above, or any other debt instruments/ borrowing. You are also requested to keep us forthwith informed of any other developments which may have a direct or indirect impact on the debt servicing capability of the company including any proposal for re-schedulement or postponement of the repayment programmes of the dues/ debts of the company with any lender(s) / investor(s).

Further, you are requested to us inform immediately as and when the borrowing limit for the instrument rated, as above, or as prescribed by the regulatory authority (ies) is exceeded.

We thank you for your kind cooperation extended during the course of the rating exercise. Please let us know if you need any clarification.

We look forward to further strengthening our existing relationship and assure you of our best services.

With kind regards,

For ICRA Limited

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