#### NATIONAL HIGHWAYS INFRA INVESTMENT MANAGERS PRIVATE LIMITED

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Date: 25th April, 2023

To,

The Corporate Relations Department

**BSE Limited** 

Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers,

Dalal Street,

Mumbai - 400 001

To,

The Listing Department,

National Stock Exchange of India Limited

Exchange Plaza, C-1, Block G,

Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East),

Mumbai - 400 051

Ref: Scrip Code: 543385; Scrip ID/Symbol: NHIT

Subject: Credit Rating of National Highways Infra Trust (NHAI InvIT)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 23 and any other applicable provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Infrastructure Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014, read with circular no. CIR/IMD/DF/127/2016 dated November 29, 2016, and Regulation 55 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015, please find attached rating letters issued by the credit rating agencies, CARE Ratings Limited and India Ratings & Research Private Limited to NHAI InvIT.

Request you to take note of the same.

Sincerely,

For National Highways Infra Trust

By Order of the Board

**National Highways Infra Investment Managers Private Limited** 

**Gunjan Singh** 

**Company Secretary and Compliance Officer** 



No. CARE/ARO/GEN/2023-24/1020

Mr. Mathew George **Chief Financial Officer National Highways Infra Trust** G-5, 6, NHAI Corporate Office, Sector-10 Dwarka New Delhi Delhi 110075

April 25, 2023

#### **Confidential**

Dear Sir,

### Credit rating for bank facilities/Instruments/Issuer Rating

This has reference to your email dated April 14, 2023 on the above subject.

2. In this connection, we invite your attention to our rating letter no. CARE/ARO/RL/2022-23/4731, CARE/ARO/RL/2022-23/4733 and CARE/ARO/RL/2022-23/4728 dated October 10, 2022 assigning the rating to the long-term bank facilities, instruments and issuer rating of your Trust. We confirm that the following ratings are outstanding for your Trust.

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>
Long Term Bank Facilities	850.00	CARE AAA; Stable
Long Term Bank Facilities	2000.00	CARE AAA; Stable
Public Issue of Non-	1500.00	CARE AAA; Stable
Convertible Debentures		-
Issuer Rating#	-	CARE AAA; Stable

#the above 'Issuer Rating' is subject to consolidated debt/enterprise value not exceeding 49%

Please refer to CARE's Rating symbols at Annexure 1

- 3. CARE Ratings Ltd. reserves the right to revise/reaffirm/withdraw the rating assigned as also revise the outlook, as a result of periodic review/surveillance, based on any event or information which in the opinion of CARE Ratings Ltd. warrants such an action. CARE Ratings Ltd. shall also be entitled to publicize/disseminate all the afore-mentioned rating actions in any manner considered appropriate by it, without reference to you.
- 4. All the other clauses vide our letter dated October 10, 2022 would continue to apply for the above rating(s).

If you need any clarification, you are welcome to approach us in this regard.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Ritu Dalal

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<sup>1</sup>Complete definitions of the ratings assigned are available at <a href="www.careedge.in">www.careedge.in</a> and in other CARE Ratings Ltd.'s publications.

Encl.: As above

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# Annexure 1 CARE Rating Symbols and Definitions for Long / Medium Term Debt Instruments

Symbols	Rating Definition	
CARE AAA	Instruments with this rating are considered to have the highest degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such instruments carry lowest credit risk.	
CARE AA	Instruments with this rating are considered to have high degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such instruments carry very low credit risk.	
CARE A	Instruments with this rating are considered to have adequate degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such instruments carry low credit risk.	
CARE BBB	Instruments with this rating are considered to have moderate degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such instruments carry moderate credit risk.	
CARE BB	Instruments with this rating are considered to have moderate risk of default regarding timely servicing of financial obligations.	
CARE B	Instruments with this rating are considered to have high risk of default regarding timely servicing of financial obligations.	
CARE C	Instruments with this rating are considered to have very high risk of default regarding timely servicing of financial obligations.	
CARE D	Instruments with this rating are in default or are expected to be in default soon	

Modifiers  $\{"+" (plus) / "-" (minus)\}\$  can be used with the rating symbols for the categories CARE AA to CARE C. The modifiers reflect the comparative standing within the category.

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Mr. Suresh Goyal
MD & CEO
National Highways Infra Investment Managers Pvt Ltd (On Behalf of National Highways Infra Trust)
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New Delhi - 110075

April 17, 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Rating Letter for debt instruments of National Highways Infra Trust

This is in reference to the rating action commentary released on 10th October 2022.

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) is pleased to communicate the following rating of National Highways Infra Trust's (NHIT) debt instument:

Instument Type	Size of Issue (INR million)	Rating/Outlook
Non-Convertible Debentures	INR15,000	IND AAA/Stable
Rupee Term Loan	INR28,500	IND AAA/Stable

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We are pleased to have had the opportunity to be of service to you. If we can be of further assistance, please email us at infogrp@indiaratings.co.in

Sincerely,

India Ratings

Dr Devendra Pant Senior Director

NationalHighwaysInfraTrust 17-April-2023





## Annexure: Facilities Breakup

Instrument Description	Banks Name	Ratings	Outstanding/Rated Amount(INR million)
Non Convertible Debenture	NA	IND AAA/Stable	15000
Term Loan	State Bank of India	IND AAA/Stable	10000
Term Loan	Axis Bank Limited	IND AAA/Stable	6000
Term Loan	Bank of Maharashtra	IND AAA/Stable	12500



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