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The General Manager, Listing Department BSE Limited Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers Dalal Street Mumbai – 400 001 Scrip Code: 500770 The Manager, Listing Department
The National Stock Exchange of India Limited
Exchange Plaza
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Bandra (E)
Mumbai 400 051
Symbol: TATACHEM

Ref: Regulation 30 (6) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements)
Regulations, 2015

Dear Sir.

Sub: Review of Credit Rating - NCDs of Rs. 250 crores

This is to inform you that Brickwork Ratings has placed the earlier rating of BWR AA+ (Outlook: Stable) to BWR AA+ under "watch with developing implications" to the Company's unsecured NCD issue of Rs. 250 crores.

The copy of the rating letter and rating rationale issued by Brickwork Ratings are enclosed herewith.

This is for your information and records.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For Tata Chemicals Limited

Rany Chandan

General Counsel & Company Secretary

Encl: a/a

cc: Corporate Communications



BWR/NCD/MUM/ERC/BP/0401/2016-17 October 27, 2016

CIN: U67190KA2007PTC043591

To, Mr. P.K. Ghose, Executive Director & CFO Tata Chemicals Limited Bombay House, Homi Mody Street, Fort, Mumbai-400001

Dear Sir,

Sub: Review Rating of Unsecured NCD Issue Rs. 250 Crores (Rs. Two Hundred and Fifty Crore only) with a tenor of 10 years of Tata Chemicals Limited.

On a review of the rating of Tata Chemicals Ltd., based on the latest development, we hereby inform you that Brickwork Ratings has placed the earlier rating of BWR AA+ (Outlook: stable) to **BWR AA+** (Pronounced Double A Plus) **under watch with developing implications** for Tata Chemicals Ltd.'s unsecured NCD issue of Rs. 250 Crores. Instruments with this rating are considered to have **the high degree** of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such instruments carry very low credit risk.

The Rating is valid for one year from earlier letter dated: February 03, 2016 (Ref. No.: BWR/BNG/RL/2015-16/CRC/0051) and is subject to terms and conditions that were agreed in your mandate dated June 23, 2009 and other correspondence, if any, and Brickwork Ratings standard disclaimer appended below.

Brickwork Ratings would conduct surveillance during the life of the said NCDs and would need any significant information that may affect the Company's finances/performance without any delay.

Best Regards.

Bal Krishna Piparaiya

Chief General Manager- Ratings

Note: In case of all accepted Ratings, respective Rating Rationale is published on Brickwork Ratings website. Interested persons are well advised to refer to our website <a href="www.brickworkratings.com">www.brickworkratings.com</a>, if they are unable to view the rationale, they are requested to inform us on <a href="mailto:brickworkratings.com">brickworkratings.com</a>

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# **Rating Rationale**

Brickwork Rating has placed the rating of BWR AA+ (Outlook – Stable) under "watch with developing implications" of Tata Chemicals Ltd.'s Long Term Unsecured Non-Convertible Debentures issue of Rs. 250 Crores with a tenor up to 10 years

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The above mentioned rating has been put under watch with developing implications on account of heightened management risk due to change in top management at holding company/group level, which may impact the strategic decision making in TCL.

The rating continues to factor, the Company's diversified product portfolio & geographical presence, large market share, professional management and group support enjoyed by the Company. The rating is constrained by profitability susceptible to volatility in raw material prices, exposure to cyclical soda ash business and highly regulated fertilizer business, under recovery of subsidy as well as stretched working capital cycle and the weak performance of its relatively high-cost European and Kenyan operations.

## **Background**

TCL is currently the world's second largest producer of soda ash with manufacturing plants in India, the UK, Kenya and the US. It is one of India's largest producers of inorganic chemicals and fertilizers. Over the years TCL has expanded its operations into edible salt (Tata salt, I-Shakti/Tata Sampann, Tata Salt Plus and Flavoritz), Phosphatic fertilizers, urea and cement and its agri business includes crop nutrition, agric chemicals and pesticides. The growth has largely been driven by inorganic growth opportunities worldwide.

#### **Rating Outlook:**

The above mentioned rating has been put under watch with developing implications on account of heightened management risk due to change in top management at holding company/group level, which may impact the strategic decision making in TCL. The rating will continue to be under watch, for further developments.



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