



# GUJCHEM DISTILLERS INDIA LIMITED

March 17, 2025

To,  
**BSE LIMITED**  
P.J Towers, Dalal Street,  
Mumbai-400 001

**Ref: BSE Scrip Code: 506640**

**Sub: Monitoring Agency Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2024 – in relation to the Preferential Issue of Gujchem Distillers India Limited**

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Kindly take the above information on record.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

For, **Gujchem Distillers India Limited**

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**Mr. Mahendra Agarwal**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

Encl: As above

**Monitoring Agency Report**  
**for**  
**Gujchem Distillers India Limited**  
**for the quarter ended**  
**December 31, 2024**

CRL/MAR/GDS6823/2024-25/1316

March 17, 2025

To

**Gujchem Distillers India Limited**

307, Third Floor, Ashirwad Paras-1, Kanti Bharwad PMT,

Opposite Andaz Party Plot, Makarba,

Ahmedabad, Gujarat, 380051

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**For and on behalf of Crisil Ratings Limited**



**Sushant Sarode**

**Director, Ratings (LCG)**

**Report of the Monitoring Agency (MA)**

**Name of the issuer:** Gujchem Distillers India Limited

**For quarter ended:** December 31, 2024

**Name of the Monitoring Agency:** Crisil Ratings Limited

(a) Deviation from the objects: Not applicable. Refer qualification/observations mentioned below.

(b) Range of Deviation: Not applicable

**Qualification:** The MA has observed that during the quarter ended Dec 31, 2024, the Company had extended deposit to Sukhmehar Finance Private Limited, which is a Non deposit taking Non-Banking Finance Company ('NBFC') as per list of registered NBFCs dated June 30, 2024, issued by Reserve Bank of India. The Company has deployed unutilized issue proceeds amounting to Rs 18.50 crore, by entering into a short-term deposit arrangement with the afore mentioned non-deposit taking NBFC. Also, the notice to shareholder dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 filed by the Company did not disclose the mode for the deployment of unutilised proceeds as required by BSE Notice No: 20221213-47 dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Nevertheless, this is in variation from the industry practice of deploying unutilized proceeds in low-risk liquid instruments like fixed deposits of scheduled commercial banks or low risk mutual funds etc. we bring this variation to the attention of the stakeholders, as it may have an implication on availability of proceeds in future for utilisation towards objects of the issue. Refer details shown under the head "deployment of unutilized issue proceeds" on page no. 10 of the MA report.

**Observation:**

1. MA has observed that Padmashri Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. (PVSKL), the owner of the biorefinery asset to be acquired by the Company on cash basis using the proceeds of the preferential issue (Object 2) is also a warrant holder who has subscribed to the issue of warrants issued through preferential issue. Specifically, PVSKL holds 92,05,000 convertible warrants, representing 35.51% of the total convertible warrants allotted as per the outcome of the Board meeting dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Furthermore, as per Notice to the shareholders dated May 16, 2024, Company had mentioned that preferential issue proceeds amounting to Rs 180.00 crore is to be utilized for the acquisition of the biorefinery asset in Maharashtra, as part of the object of the preferential issue.
2. Object 1: As per management undertaking and statutory auditor certificate, at the time of acquisition by the new management, Gujchem Distillers India Limited had a carried-forward existing unsecured loan of Rs 4.08 crore from Aryaman Enterprise Pvt. Ltd. and Rs. 17.92 crore from Goldleaf Enterprise Pvt. Ltd. totalling Rs 22 crore with no formal documents being executed between the parties. Further, bank statements reflecting the inflow of these loans have also not been shared with MA. Refer details shown under Note 3 on page no. 9 of the MA report.
3. Object 2: Another unsecured loan of Rs 10.85 crore was taken by the Company from Goldleaf Enterprise Pvt Ltd in June, July, and August 2024 to facilitate the acquisition of the biorefinery, as the proceeds from the preferential issue were not yet available. No agreement has been executed, the same has been confirmed by the management and the statutory auditor of the company. Refer details shown under Note 4 on page no. 9 of the MA report.

**Note:** The Company has delayed in submitting the required documents and clarifications related to utilisation of issue proceeds for the quarter ended December 30, 2024. The MA had issued the first report for the quarter ended December 31, 2024, to the Company on February 14, 2025, based on limited details and documents made available to the MA. The Company provided additional details, necessary clarifications and supporting documents related to utilisation of issue proceeds later viz March 06, 2025, and the comments of the Board of directors of the Company on the report were shared with MA on March 13, 2025, resulting in delay in sharing of signed MA report for the quarter ended December 31, 2024.

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**Declaration:**

*We declare that this report provides an objective view of the utilization of the issue proceeds in relation to the objects of the issue based on the information provided by the Issuer and information obtained from sources believed by it to be accurate and reliable. The MA does not perform an audit and undertakes no independent verification of any information/ certifications/ statements it receives. This Report is not intended to create any legally binding obligations on the MA which accepts no responsibility, whatsoever, for loss or damage from the use of the said information. The views and opinions expressed herein do not constitute the opinion of MA to deal in any security of the Issuer in any manner whatsoever. Nothing mentioned in this report is intended to or should be construed as creating a fiduciary relationship between the MA and any issuer or between the agency and any user of this report. The MA and its affiliates also do not act as an expert as defined under Section 2(38) of the Companies Act, 2013.*

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*We have submitted the report herewith in line with the format prescribed by SEBI, capturing our comments, where applicable. There are certain sections of the report under the title "Comments of the Board of Directors", that shall be captured by the Issuer's Management / Audit Committee of the Board of Directors subsequent to the MA submitting their report to the issuer and before dissemination of the report through stock exchanges. These sections have not been reviewed by the MA, and the MA takes no responsibility for such comments of the issuer's Management/Board.*

**Signature:** 

**Name and designation of the Authorized Signatory:** Sushant Sarode

**Designation of Authorized person/Signing Authority:** Director, Ratings (LCG)

**1) Issuer Details:**

**Name of the issuer:** Gujchem Distillers India Limited

**Names of the promoter:** ZR2 Group Holdings Limited

**Industry/sector to which it belongs:** Commodity Chemicals

**2) Issue Details**

**Issue Period:** 13 August 2024

**Type of issue:** Preferential Issue

**Type of specified securities:** Compulsory Convertible Debentures (hereon referred as "CCDs") & Convertible warrants

**Issue Grading, if any:** NA

**Issue size:** Total issue proceeds\* amounting to Rs. 248.77 crore (Refer Note 1, page no. 7)

*\*Crisil Ratings shall be monitoring the issue proceeds amount raised.*

**3) Details of the arrangement made to ensure the monitoring of issue proceeds:**

Particulars	Reply	Source of information / certifications considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	Comments of the Monitoring Agency	Comments of the Board of Directors
Whether all utilization is as per the disclosures in the offer document?	Yes	Bank Statement, Notice to <i>shareholders</i> , Management Undertaking, Statutory Auditor's Certificate <sup>^</sup>	Refer qualifications/ observations on page no. 3 of the report	No Comments
Whether shareholder approval has been obtained in case of material deviations <sup>#</sup> from expenditures disclosed in the offer document?	NA	Management Undertaking, Statutory Auditor's Certificate <sup>^</sup>	No Comments	No Comments
Whether the means of Finance for the disclosed objects of the issue has changed?	No		No Comments	No Comments
Is there any major deviation observed over the earlier monitoring agency reports?	No		No Comments	No Comments

Particulars	Reply	Source of information / certifications considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	Comments of the Monitoring Agency	Comments of the Board of Directors
Whether all Government/statutory approvals related to the object(s) have been obtained?	No	Management Undertaking, Statutory Auditor's Certificate^	Memorandum of understanding has been executed for acquisition of Biorefinery between Gujchem Distillers India Limited and PDVVPSSKL *. The transaction is currently under finalization stage including statutory clearances as may be applicable. Part-payment made towards the acquisition during the reported quarter was not subject to statutory approval. However, asset acquisition will be completed post statutory approvals are received as applicable in subsequent quarters	No Comments
Whether all arrangements pertaining to technical assistance/collaboration are in operation?	Yes	Management Undertaking, Statutory Auditor's Certificate^	Current skilled labor workforce at the acquired plant will also be integrated to ensure a seamless transition of operations	No Comments
Are there any favourable events improving the viability of these object(s)?	No		No Comments	No Comments
Are there any unfavourable events affecting the viability of these object(s)?	No		No Comments	No Comments
Is there any other relevant information that may materially affect the decision making of the investors?	No		No Comments	No Comments
# Where material deviation may be defined to mean: - (a) Deviation in the objects or purposes for which the funds have been raised. (b) Deviation in the amount of funds actually utilized by more than 10% of the amount projected in the offer documents.				

NA represents Not Applicable

\*Padmashri Dr. Vithalrao Vikhe Patil Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd

^Certificate dated March 6, 2025, issued by M/s Bagaria & Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants (Firm Registration Number: 113447W/W-100019), Statutory Auditors of the Company



**4) Details of object(s) to be monitored:**
**i. Cost of the object(s):**

Sr. No.	Item Head	Source of information/certification considered by MA for preparation of report	Original cost (as per the Offer Document) RS. In crore)	Revised Cost	Comment of the Monitoring Agency	Comments of the Board of Directors		
						Reason of Cost revision	Proposed financing option	Particulars of firm arrangements made
1	Repayment of existing Un-Secured Loan	Management undertaking, Statutory Auditor's Certificate, Notice to <i>shareholders</i> & Bank Statements	22.00	NA	No revision	NA		
2	Acquiring a running biorefinery asset that is currently producing ethanol and biogas located in Maharashtra State and Expansion of the biorefinery to produce additional ethanol, biogas with addition of solar and Hydrogen		180.00	NA	No revision	NA		
3	Working Capital & General Corporate Purposes		46.77	NA	No revision	NA		
<b>Total</b>		-	<b>248.77</b>	-	-	-		



**ii. Progress in the object(s):**

Sr. No.	Item Head	Source of information / certifications considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	Amount as proposed or revised in the Offer Document (Rs. in crore)	Amount utilized (Rs. in crore)			Total unutilized amount (Rs. in crores) (Refer Note 1)	Comments of the Monitoring Agency	Comments of the Board of Directors	
				As at beginning of the quarter (Rs. in crores)	During the quarter (Rs. in crores)	At the end of the quarter			Reasons for idle funds	Proposed course of action
1	Repayment of existing Un-Secured Loan	Management undertaking, Statutory Auditor's Certificate <sup>^</sup> , Notice to <i>shareholders</i> , Bank Statements	22.00	-	22.00	22.00	0.00	Refer note 2 & 3	No Comments	
2	Acquiring a running biorefinery asset that is currently producing ethanol and biogas located in Maharashtra State and Expansion of the biorefinery to produce additional ethanol, biogas with addition of solar and Hydrogen	Management undertaking, Statutory Auditor's Certificate <sup>^</sup> , Notice to <i>shareholders</i> , Bank Statements	180.00	29.00	50.35	79.35	100.65	Refer note 2 & 4	No Comments	
3	Working Capital and General Corporate Purposes		46.77	0.19	1.39	1.58	45.19	Refer note 2	No Comments	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>248.77</b>	<b>29.19</b>	<b>73.74</b>	<b>102.93</b>	<b>145.84</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	

<sup>^</sup> Certificate dated March 6, 2025, issued by M/s Bagaria & Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants (Firm Registration Number: 113447W/W-100019), Statutory Auditors of the Company

**Note 1:** Out of total issue proceeds, the Company has received Rs 122.40 crore only, out of which Rs 80.27 crore received from the issue of Compulsorily Convertible Debentures and Rs. 42.12 crore received against upfront payment towards allotment of warrants during the previous quarter. The remaining amount of Rs. 126.37 crore will be received pursuant to exercise of warrant conversion option within 18 months from the date of allotment of the share warrants.

Further, during the reported quarter, the Company has not received any proceeds from the warrant holders for conversion of warrants into equity shares.

**Note 2:** As per management undertaking, during the quarter ended December 31, 2024, Issue proceeds amounting to Rs 92.71 crore were transferred from HSBC India Bank account of the Company opened for International subscribers of preferential issue to SBI Bank current account of the Company as the preferential issue proceeds could not be utilized directly through HSBC bank accounts due to regulatory provisions. Further, part of the transferred proceeds was transferred from SBI Bank to Kotak Mahindra Bank for utilisation towards the objects of the issue. Thereafter, the funds were disbursed from these current accounts and utilized for the intended purposes as specified and the same is confirmed in the certificate issued by the auditor.

**Note 3:** As per management undertaking and statutory auditor certificate, at the time of acquisition by the new management, Gujchem Distillers India Limited had carried-forward existing unsecured loan of Rs 4.08 crore from Aryaman Enterprise Pvt. Ltd. and Rs. 17.92 crore from Goldleaf Enterprise Pvt. Ltd. totalling Rs 22 crore which was availed for working capital purposes and it remained outstanding as of 31st March 2024. The existing unsecured loans were proposed to be repaid from the proceeds of Compulsorily Convertible Debentures (CCDs) and warrants issued by the company. These short-term financings were obtained pursuant to a mutual understanding with the aforementioned parties for a temporary period, with no formal documents being executed between the parties. Bank statements reflecting the inflow of these loans in fiscal 2024 have also not been shared with MA. Further, as per statutory auditor's certificate the loan has been used for the purpose it was obtained. Furthermore, the Board of Directors of the company vide resolution dated 5th of October 2024 has approved repayment of unsecured loans of Rs 22 crores by utilizing the preferential issue proceeds. These loans were subsequently repaid by the Company during the quarter ended December 31, 2024, using the proceeds raised from the preferential issue.

**Note 4:** The Company has utilized Rs. 50.35 crore towards object 2 i.e. the acquisition and expansion of a running biorefinery asset from Padmashri Dr. Vithalrao Vikhe Patil Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd (PVSKL) based on mutual understanding between the company and PVSKL as the approval of the acquisition from the relevant statutory authorities is still pending, and the agreement is currently at a premature stage. During the quarter ended December 31, 2024, a payment of Rs. 39.50 crore was directly made to PVSKL towards acquisition. However, it is observed that an unsecured loan of Rs 10.85 crore was taken by the Company from Goldleaf Enterprise Pvt Ltd in June, July, and August 2024 to facilitate the acquisition of the biorefinery, as the proceeds from the preferential issue were not yet available. No agreement has been executed as this loan was taken for the temporary purpose based on mutually understanding and the same has been confirmed by the management and the statutory auditor of the company. Furthermore, as per statutory auditor's certificate the loan has been used for the purpose it was obtained.

The Board of Directors of the company vide resolution dated October 5, 2024, has approved repayment of said unsecured loans of Rs 10.85 crores utilising the preferential issue proceeds. This loan was subsequently repaid during the quarter ended December 31, 2024, using the proceeds raised from the preferential issue. CRISIL has received bank statements reflecting entries for inflow of these loans and repayment to verify the transactions.

### iii. Deployment of unutilised proceeds:

Sr. No:	Type of instrument and name of the entity invested in	Amount invested (Rs in crore)	Maturity date	Earnings (Rs in crore)	Return on investment (%)	Market Value as at end of quarter (Rs in crore)
1.	Short term Deposit with Sukhmehar Finance Pvt Ltd	18.50*	30/04/25	0.04	9.00	18.54
2.	Term Deposit with Kotak Bank	0.87	11/05/25	-	7.00	0.87

3.	Balance in Kotak Bank, Current Account of the Company	0.10	-	-	-	0.10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19.47</b>	-	-	-	19.51

Based on management undertaking and certificate dated March 6, 2025, issued by M/s Bagaria & Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants (Firm Registration Number: 113447W/W-100019), Statutory Auditors of the Company

*\*During the quarter ended December 31, 2024, unutilised proceeds of Rs 18.50 crore were given to Sukhmehar Finance Pvt Ltd. Pursuant through short-term deposit arrangement dated December 19, 2024. This deployment was approved by the Board of Directors of the company vide resolution dated December 18, 2024. However, this action is in variation from the intended use of unutilized proceeds, which were supposed to be invested in low-risk liquid instruments such as fixed deposits of scheduled commercial banks or low-risk mutual funds. As submitted by the management of the Company and the statutory auditors of the Company, these funds will be available for utilisation towards the objects of the issue as and when required by the Company. Nevertheless, we bring this variation to the attention of the stakeholders, as it may have implications on the availability of these funds in future.*

#### iv. Delay in implementation of the object(s)

Based on management undertaking and certificate dated March 6, 2025, issued by M/s Bagaria & Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants (Firm Registration Number: 113447W/W-100019), Statutory Auditors of the Company

Object(s)	Completion Date		Delay (no. of days/ months)	Comments of the Board of	
	As per the Offer Document	Actual (Rs in Crore)		Reason of delay	Proposed course of action
Not applicable					

#### 5. Details of utilization of proceeds stated as General Corporate Purpose (GCP) amount in the offer document:

Based on management undertaking and certificate dated March 6, 2025, issued by M/s Bagaria & Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants (Firm Registration Number: 113447W/W-100019), Statutory Auditors of the Company:

Sr. No.	Item head	Amount utilised from issue proceeds during the quarter (Rs. in Crore)	Remarks
1	Administrative & General Corporate purpose (GCP) expense	1.39	<p><i>As per statutory auditor certificate and management undertaking:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proceeds were utilised towards salary of employees, rent, consultation fees, professional fees, advocate fees, TDS payments, and payment to vehicle vendors. These payments were processed through the company's current accounts.</li> <li>The company has taken the reimbursement of Rs 0.02 crore towards expenses which was earlier spent by the employees related to petty cash, office refreshments etc during the reported quarter as the expenses were directly related to the company's operations, they have been classified under GCP.</li> <li>General corporate purpose expenses during the period include the purchase of a vehicle for office use. The vehicle was acquired to support the company's operational requirements, and the payment was made from the company's current account.</li> </ol>

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