August 24, 2026

To,

The General Manager, Listing Department **BSE Limited** P.J. Towers, Dalal Street, Mumbai – 400 001 **Company code: 533333**	The Manager, Listing & Compliance Department **National Stock Exchange of India Limited** Exchange Plaza, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai - 400051 **Company code: FCL**

Subject: Upgrade in Credit Rating by ICRA

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to Reg. 30 read with Para A Part A of Schedule III of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations 2015, we hereby inform that, ICRA Limited ("**ICRA**") vide its rating action dated August 24, 2026 has upgraded its ratings on the bank facilities of Fineotex Chemical Limited. The details of the upgraded credit ratings are as given below:

Period of Rating	Upgraded (w.e.f. 24th August, 2026)	Previous (February 2026)
Long Term Rating	ICRA AA- (Stable)	ICRA A+ (Positive)
Short Term Rating	ICRA A1+	ICRA A1+

The new ICRA ratings are an upgrade from the previous ICRA ratings of February, 2026.

The summary of the rating action of ICRA is available on:
https://www.icra.in/Rationale/ShowRationaleReport?Id=145136

This is for your information and record.

Yours faithfully,
For FINEOTEX CHEMICAL LIMITED

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PRESS RELEASE

ICRA upgrades Fineotex's Long-Term Credit Rating to [ICRA]AA- (Stable); reaffirms [ICRA]A1+ Short-Term Rating

Upgrade recognises stronger scale, diversification and financial risk profile

Mumbai, August 24, 2026 (BSE: 533333; NSE: FCL): Fineotex Chemical Limited ("Fineotex" or the "Company"), a leading multinational producer of specialty performance chemicals, today announced that ICRA Limited has upgraded the Company's long-term credit rating to [ICRA]AA- (Stable) from [ICRA]A+ (Positive). ICRA has also reaffirmed the Company's short-term rating at [ICRA]A1+.

Key observations from ICRA's rating rationale

- Strong improvement in the scale and diversification of the Fineotex Group's operations following the FY2026 acquisition of a 53.33% controlling stake in the US-based speciality chemical manufacturing group.
- A healthy growth trajectory supported by consolidation of the acquired businesses, increasing wallet share, cross-selling opportunities, technology transfers and operational synergies.
- A strong financial risk profile, backed by negligible debt, a comfortable capital structure and robust coverage indicators.
- A strong liquidity position, supported by cash and liquid investments, expected operating cash flows and unutilised working-capital limits.

ICRA stated that the Stable outlook reflects its expectation that the Fineotex Group will benefit from the recent acquisition, supporting growth in the scale of operations and earnings while maintaining healthy credit metrics.

Commenting on the rating action, Mr. Sanjay Tibrewala, Executive Director, Fineotex Chemical Limited, said: "The upgrade to [ICRA]AA- (Stable), together with the reaffirmation of our [ICRA]A1+ short-term rating, is an important recognition of Fineotex's strengthened scale, diversified business profile and robust financial position. Our recent US acquisition has expanded our presence in the North American oilfield-chemicals market and created meaningful opportunities across customers, products and geographies. We remain focused on disciplined integration, cross-selling, technology transfer and sustainable growth, supported by prudent capital allocation and a strong balance sheet."

Summary of rating action

Instrument	Rating action
Long term - Fund based - Cash credit	[ICRA]AA- (Stable); upgraded from [ICRA]A+ (Positive)
Short term - Fund based - Overdraft	[ICRA]A1+; reaffirmed
Short term - Fund based - Others	[ICRA]A1+; reaffirmed
Short term - Non-fund based - Letter of credit	[ICRA]A1+; reaffirmed
Short term - Non-fund based - Others	[ICRA]A1+; reaffirmed
Long term / Short term - Unallocated limits	[ICRA]AA- (Stable) / [ICRA]A1+; long-term rating upgraded and short-term rating reaffirmed

The complete rating rationale is available on ICRA's website: [ICRA Rating Rationale - Fineotex Chemical Limited]

About Fineotex Chemical Limited

Fineotex Chemical Limited is a leading multinational specialty performance chemical manufacturer, providing sustainable, technology-driven solutions across industries including Oil & Gas, Water Treatment, Textiles, Detergents and Hygiene & Cleaning. With a strong global presence and a commitment to sustainability and quality, the company continues to expand its footprint across key international markets. For more information, please visit https://fineotex.com/

Fineotex has manufacturing facilities in Ambernath and Navi Mumbai in India and Selangor in Malaysia, together with an expanding operational presence in the United States through the recent acquisition. Supported by an NABL-accredited R&D laboratory and a broad distribution network, Fineotex remains focused on innovation, customised solutions, quality and responsible growth.

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Forward-looking statements

This press release may contain forward-looking statements concerning Fineotex Chemical Limited's future business developments and economic performance. Such statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from expectations. These factors include, among others, market and macroeconomic conditions, governmental and regulatory developments, movements in exchange and interest rates, competitive pressures, technological changes and the financial condition of third parties dealing with the Company. Fineotex Chemical Limited undertakes no obligation to publicly revise any forward-looking statement to reflect future events or circumstances, except as required by law.

August 24, 2026

Fineotex Chemical Limited: Long-term rating upgraded to [ICRA]AA-(Stable), outlook revised to stable from Positive; short-term rating reaffirmed

Summary of rating action

Instrument*	Previous rated amount (Rs. crore)	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Rating action	Financial sector regulator#
Long term – Fund based - Cash credit	22.00	22.00	[ICRA]AA-(Stable); upgraded from [ICRA]A+ and outlook revised to Stable from Positive	RBI
Short term – Fund based - Others	3.00	3.00	[ICRA]A1+ ; reaffirmed	RBI
Short term – Fund based - Overdraft	8.00	8.00	[ICRA]A1+ ; reaffirmed	RBI
Short term - Non-fund based - Letter of credit	8.00	8.00	[ICRA]A1+ ; reaffirmed	RBI
Short term - Non-fund based – Others	2.00	2.00	[ICRA]A1+ ; reaffirmed	RBI
Unallocated limits	57.00	57.00	[ICRA]AA-(Stable) /[ICRA]A1+; upgraded from [ICRA]A+ and outlook revised to Stable from Positive and short term ratings reaffirmed	RBI
Total	**100.00**	**100.00**		

**Instrument details are provided in Annexure-I*

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Rationale

The rating upgrade factors in a strong improvement in the scale and diversification of the Fineotex Group's operations following the acquisition undertaken in FY2026, which has strengthened its presence across geographies and end-user segments. Fineotex Chemical Limited (FCL) has acquired a 53.33% controlling stake in the CrudeChem Technologies (CCT) Group, a US-based specialty oilfield chemicals conglomerate. The acquisition comprised four US entities operating under the CCT umbrella, which collectively reported an annual revenue of ~USD 65 million in FY2025. Through this acquisition, the Fineotex Group has gained entry into North America's oilfield chemicals segment. The transaction is expected to substantially strengthen the Group's consolidated revenue base while providing access to new customers, products and markets. The healthy scale-up in revenues following the acquisition was already visible in Q4 FY2026 and Q1 FY2027. This, along with the capacity enhancement undertaken by the CCT Group, provides comfort regarding a healthy demand outlook for oilfield chemicals and expectations of a sustained ramp-up in production and supplies from the acquired entities.

The ratings draw comfort from the healthy growth trajectory expected for FCL over the next few years, supported by the consolidation of the acquired businesses, increasing wallet share with existing customers, cross-selling opportunities, technology transfers and operational synergies. The oilfield chemicals business is witnessing strong demand from North American customers, while the construction chemicals segment provides access to a large and growing domestic market. Consequently, the company is expected to witness a sizeable increase in revenue over the near to medium term compared to its historical operating scale. FCL is also expected to maintain a strong financial risk profile, backed by negligible debt and substantial cash and liquid investments. The ratings continue to factor in the established track record of the company in textile chemicals, the experience of the promoters and a diversified customer base comprising reputed companies in the domestic and export markets.

The ratings are constrained by high competitive intensity in the specialty chemicals industry, marked by the presence of several domestic and international players. The company is also exposed to the volatility in raw material prices and forex risks. However, it has been able to pass on the raw material price fluctuations due to its focus on specialty chemicals and customised value-added solutions. As a result, the company has been able to maintain healthy gross margins over FY2020 to FY2026. In FY2026, FCL's operating margins moderated owing to certain expenses incurred towards developing new business verticals, business development initiatives and the integration of the acquired oil chemicals business, which operates at a relatively lower margin vis-à-vis the legacy Indian specialty chemical operations. Nevertheless, FCL's strong balance sheet and substantial liquidity provide adequate financial flexibility to support its growth and integration plans.

For its exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations, ICRA notes that while FCL does not have a defined forex hedging policy, it has not reported any significant forex losses in the past. ICRA also takes note of the accreditations/certifications received by the Group for its manufacturing facilities in India and Malaysia (under subsidiary), its R&D efforts for developing new products and the JVs with reputed international entities, helping it to acquire new customers and diversify its products and geographic presence.

The Stable outlook on FCL's rating reflects ICRA's expectation that the Fineotex Group will benefit from its recent acquisition which will support growth in its scale of operations and earnings while maintaining healthy credit metrics.

Key rating drivers and their description

Credit strengths

Established position in specialty chemicals segment and a reputed clientele – FCL has a long track record in manufacturing specialty textile chemicals, supported by experienced promoters and established relationships with reputed customers in the domestic and international markets. FCL is focused on specialty chemicals and customised solutions, which has helped it add new customers over the years as well as increase the sales to existing customers. This has also helped the company maintain heathy profit margins over the years. FCL is present in ~70 countries and will witness a healthy share of revenue from the overseas segment after the recent acquisition of the oilfield chemical business in the US.

Foray into health & hygiene and oil & gas segments to aid revenue diversification – Over the years, FCL has diversified its revenue base from the textile segment by venturing into health & hygiene. This has helped reduce the cyclicality associated with a particular industry while being synergistic with the textile chemicals business. The company has further diversified its revenue source with the recent acquisition of the US entities and the oil & gas segment is now contributing a sizeable share to its revenue. Thus, the dependence of FCL on a particular industry will moderate and provide cushion during industry downturns.

Strong financial risk profile – FCL maintains a strong financial risk profile, supported by healthy profit margins, a comfortable capital structure and robust coverage indicators. Between FY2022 and FY2024, the company's consolidated operating income grew by 54%, with the operating and net profit margins consistently being in the range of 20–25% and 15–20%, respectively. In FY2026, while the revenue improved to Rs. 772 crore, the profitability moderated with an OPM of 17.4% and NPM of 16.2%. The capital structure and coverage indicators have also remained healthy with low gearing in the last five years.

Credit challenges

High competitive intensity – The company faces competition from domestic as well as multinational companies with established brands and a larger capital base. This necessitates focus on customised solutions and new product development and diversification into new segments.

Exposure to volatility in raw material prices and foreign exchange rates – FCL uses a wide variety of raw materials, which are imported as well as procured from domestic suppliers. The prices of these raw materials are volatile, depending on factors such as the demand-supply trends and crude oil price volatility. The company has, however, been able to pass on the cost fluctuations, maintaining a healthy OPM in the range of 20-25% in the last five years. The company also does not have a firm hedging policy and uses only natural hedging, exposing itself to volatility in forex rates.

Environment and social risks

FCL, being present in the chemical industry, is exposed to the risk of tightening regulations on environment and safety and potential penalties in case of any non-compliance. However, the company adheres to various industry standards and is also Zero Discharge Hazardous Chemicals (ZDHC) Gateway certified. The company is also compliant with environmental law/regulations pertaining to water and air pollution. Further, with growing focus on sustainability in the textile production process, the company's efforts to develop sustainable products/solutions and the certifications/accreditations which include ZDHC, Bluesign and REACH should be favourable in the medium to long term from a credit perspective.

The company's exposure to social risks mainly pertain to safe operations and remaining compliant with all environmental regulations to ensure the safety of employees and the community in the vicinity of its manufacturing units. As per the disclosures, the company has safety equipment in place at its units.

Liquidity position: Strong

FCL's liquidity position remains strong, supported by healthy cash and liquid investments of Rs. 363 crore as on March 31, 2026 and expectation of robust cash flow from operations, going forward. The liquidity position is further strengthened by the availability of unutilised working capital limits.

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – ICRA could upgrade FCL's ratings if the company is able to achieve a significant growth in its scale of operations and maintain healthy profitability and a strong credit profile on a sustained basis.

Negative factors – The ratings could be downgraded if there is a sustained decline in the scale of operations or profitability, or if there is a significantly large debt-funded capex and/or acquisition, or a stretch in the working capital cycle that will weaken the company's liquidity position and credit metrics.

Analytical approach

Analytical approach	Comments
Applicable rating methodologies	Chemicals Corporate Credit Rating Methodology
Parent/group Support	Not Applicable
Consolidation/standalone	For arriving at the ratings, ICRA has considered the consolidated financials of Fineotex Chemical Limited (FCL). Please refer to Annexure II for details of the entities consolidated

About the company

The Fineotex Group was established in 1979 by Mr. Surendra Tibrewala. Fineotex Chemical Limited (FCL) is a part of the Group and was incorporated as a public limited company in 2004. The company got listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange in March 2011 and the National Stock Exchange in January 2015.

At present, Mr. Sanjay Tibrewala, son of Mr. Surendra Tibrewala, looks after the day-to-day operations and Mr. Surendra Tibrewala supervises the overall affairs and is involved in the strategic decisions. The company has three manufacturing facilities at Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra), Selangor (Malaysia) and Ambernath (Maharashtra).

The company manufactures over 470 specialty chemicals and enzymes for the textile, garment, construction, leather, water treatment, agrochemical, adhesive and other industries and is present in around 70 countries. It is a leading manufacturer of specialty and performance chemicals for textiles. FCL manufactures and provides the entire range of products for pre-treatment, dyeing, printing and finishing for textile processing to customers across the globe. The company has also entered the health/hygiene (detergent/handwash) segment and has witnessed a healthy scale-up of operations in this business.

Key financial indicators (audited)

Fineotex Chemical Limited (Consolidated)	FY2025	FY2026	Q1 FY2027*
Operating income	533.3	772.2	376.6
PAT	109.2	125.0	48.2
OPBDITA/OI	24.0%	17.4%	15.7%
PAT/OI	20.5%	16.2%	12.8%
Total outside liabilities/tangible net worth (times)	0.1	0.2	-
Total debt/OPBDITA (times)	0.0	0.1	-
Interest coverage (times)	119.6	98.9	-

*Source: Company, ICRA Research; All ratios are as per ICRA's calculations; Amount in Rs. crore.; PAT: Profit after tax; OPBDITA: Operating profit before depreciation, interest, taxes and amortisation; *unaudited*

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: Not applicable

Rating history for past three years

Instrument	Current rating(FY2027)			Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years					
				FY2026		FY2025		FY2024	
	Type	Amount rated (Rs crore)	August 24, 2026	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating
Fund based - Cash credit	Long term	22.00	[ICRA]AA-(Stable)	February 26, 2026	[ICRA]A+ (Positive)	November 11, 2024	[ICRA]A+ (Positive)	November 02, 2023	[ICRA]A+ (Stable)
Unallocated limits	Long term/Short term	57.00	[ICRA]AA-(Stable) /[ICRA]A1+	February 26, 2026	[ICRA]A+ (Positive)/[ICRA]A1+	November 11, 2024	[ICRA]A+ (Positive)/[ICRA]A1+	November 02, 2023	[ICRA]A+ (Stable)/[ICRA]A1+
Fund based - Overdraft	Short term	8.00	[ICRA]A1+	February 26, 2026	[ICRA]A1+	November 11, 2024	[ICRA]A1+	November 02, 2023	[ICRA]A1+
Fund based - Others	Short term	3.00	[ICRA]A1+	February 26, 2026	[ICRA]A1+	November 11, 2024	[ICRA]A1+	November 02, 2023	[ICRA]A1+
Non-fund based - Letter of credit	Short term	8.00	[ICRA]A1+	February 26, 2026	[ICRA]A1+	November 11, 2024	[ICRA]A1+	November 02, 2023	[ICRA]A1+
Non-fund based - Others	Short term	2.00	[ICRA]A1+	February 26, 2026	[ICRA]A1+	November 11, 2024	[ICRA]A1+	November 02, 2023	[ICRA]A1+

Complexity level of the rated instruments

Instrument	Complexity indicator
Long term – Fund based - Cash credit	Simple
Short term – Fund based - Others	Simple
Short term – Fund based - Overdraft	Simple
Short term - Non-fund based - Letter of credit	Simple
Short term - Non-fund based - Others	Simple
Unallocated limits	NA

The Complexity Indicator refers to the ease with which the returns associated with the rated instrument could be estimated. It does not indicate the risk related to the timely payments on the instrument, which is rather indicated by the instrument's credit rating. It also does not indicate the complexity associated with analysing an entity's financial, business, industry risks or complexity related to the structural, transactional, or legal aspects. Details on the complexity levels of the instruments are available on ICRA's website: Click here

Annexure I: Instrument details

ISIN	Instrument name	Date of issuance	Coupon rate	Maturity	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	Current rating and outlook	Financial sector regulator#
NA	**Cash credit**	-	-	-	22.00	[ICRA]AA- (Stable)	RBI
NA	**Overdraft**	-	-	-	8.00	[ICRA]A1+	RBI
NA	**Fund based- limits – Others**	-	-	-	3.00	[ICRA]A1+	RBI
NA	**Letter of credit**	-	-	-	8.00	[ICRA]A1+	RBI
NA	**Non-fund based limits – Others**	-	-	-	2.00	[ICRA]A1+	RBI
NA	**Unallocated limits**	-	-	-	57.00	[ICRA]AA- (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+	RBI

Source: Company

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Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

	Ownership	Consolidation approach
Fineotex Malaysia Limited	100.00%	Full consolidation
BT Chemicals SDN BHD	71.92%	Full consolidation
BT Biotex SDN BHD	72.38%	Full consolidation
Rovatex SDN BHD	74.76%	Full consolidation
BT Biotex Limited	100.00%	Full consolidation
Fineotex Biotex Healthguard FZE (formerly known as Fineotex Specialities FZE)	100.00%	Full consolidation
Manya Manufacturing India Private Limited (formerly known as Manya Steel Private Limited)	100.00%	Full consolidation
FSPL Specialities Private Limited (Formerly known as Fineotex Specialities Private Limited)	100.00%	Full consolidation
Fineoclean Specialities Private Limited	100.00%	Full consolidation
Frackmex Equipment and Services LLC	53.33%	Full consolidation
CrudeChem Technology LLC	53.33%	Full consolidation
Oil Pro Advantage INC	53.33%	Full consolidation
Lonestar Technoboost LLC	53.33%	Full consolidation

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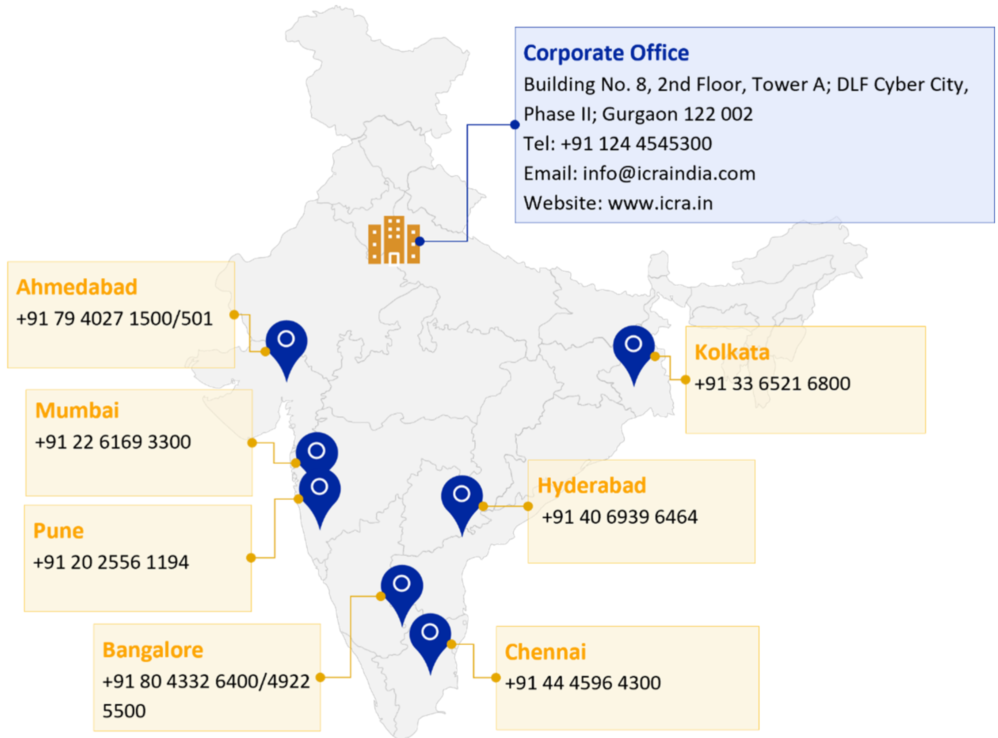

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