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Scrip ID - STLNETWORK

Scrip Code– 544395, 977344 and 977517

Subject: Intimation under Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 – Credit Rating assigned by Infomerics Valuation and Rating Limited

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 30 read with Para A of Part A of Schedule III of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we wish to inform you that Infomerics Valuation and Rating Limited (“Infomerics”), vide its Press Release dated September 25, 2026, has assigned the following credit rating to the bank loan facilities of STL Networks Limited:

Particulars	Details
Type of rating	Long term
Total bank loan facilities rated	INR 250 Crores
Rating Assigned	IVR A-/Stable

The Press Release issued by Infomerics dated September 25, 2026 is enclosed herewith.

The same will also be available on the Company’s website at <https://inveniatech.com/>.

Kindly take this on your record.

Thanking You,

For STL Networks Limited

Gopal Rastogi
Chief Financial Officer

STL Networks Limited

September 25, 2026

Rating Action

Total Bank Loan Facilities Rated	Rs. 250.00 Crore	Regulator[^]
Long Term Rating	IVR A-/Stable (Rating Assigned)	RBI

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Refer Annexures for details of facilities/instruments, facility wise lender details, and detailed explanation of covenants.

Note: None of the Directors on Infomerics Board are members of rating committee and thus do not participate in discussion or assignment of any ratings. The Board of Directors also does not discuss any ratings at its meetings.

Rationale

The rating assigned to the bank facilities of STL Networks Limited (STLNL) derives strength from the company's established execution track record, its association with the stronger promoter group, reputed institutional clientele and sizeable executable order book, which provides medium-term revenue visibility. The rating also considers the company's end-to-end capabilities across telecom infrastructure, system integration, managed services and operations and maintenance.

The rating strengths are, however, constrained by the sustained decline in operating income, weak profitability, stretched receivables, negative operating cash flows and weak debt protection metrics. Total operating income declined to Rs.958.96 crore in FY26 (refers to the period from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026) from Rs. 1179.72 crore in FY25 (refers to the period from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025) in the backdrop of STLNL's evolving business profile. The company reported a net loss of Rs.99.11 crore in FY26.

The rating also factors in the company's dependence on timely monetization of receivables including contract assets, recovery of legacy receivables and proceeds from warrant conversion which would further support STLNL's liquidity. Timely realization of these inflows will remain amongst the key near-term monitorable until the changing business profile translates into sustained improvement in cash-flow generation.

Outlook: Stable

The Stable Outlook reflects expectations that the company will continue to benefit from its sizeable order book, increasing contribution from higher-margin system integration and O&M segments, established customer relationships and absence of significant debt-funded capex plans.

Analytical Approach

Approach	Comments
Consolidation/ Standalone	Consolidation For arriving at ratings IVR has considered the consolidated financials of STL Networks Limited and its subsidiaries/joint venture, as listed in Annexure 4.
Parent/ Group Support	Not Applicable

List of companies considered for consolidation/combined analysis is given at Annexure 4.

Key Rating Drivers with Detailed Description

Strengths

Established operating track record and promoter linkages

STL Networks Limited emerged following the demerger of the Global Services Business of Sterlite Technologies Limited and operates under the "Invenia" brand. The company benefits from extensive experience in telecom and digital infrastructure execution, including deployment of more than 135,000 km of optical fibre networks and long-standing customer relationships developed over several years.

Healthy order book providing revenue visibility

The company had an executable order book of approximately ~Rs.5,000 crore as on June 30, 2026, translating into an order book to revenue ratio of 5.22x based on FY26 operating income, thus providing medium term revenue visibility. Further, ~86% of the executable order book is derived from central and state government entities and PSUs, thereby mitigating counterparty risk to an extent.

Diversified institutional clientele

The company serves reputed telecom operators, government departments and PSU entities including Airtel, RailTel, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), BSNL, BharatNet and various state government digital infrastructure projects. Several customers possess strong credit profiles, providing comfort regarding eventual collectability of receivables.

Favourable industry growth prospects

Demand prospects remain supported by BharatNet expansion, 5G rollout, fibreisation, smart city initiatives, enterprise digitisation, cloud adoption and increasing data-centre investments. These structural drivers are expected to support medium-term growth opportunities for telecom infrastructure and digital network service providers.

Weaknesses

Declining scale of operations and losses

The company's operating performance has weakened over the years. Consolidated total operating income declined from Rs. 1172.79 crore in FY25 to Rs.958.96 crore in FY26. The company reported losses of Rs.31.95 crore in FY25 and Rs.99.11 crore in FY26. The higher losses in FY26 were due to lower operating scale, coupled with high operating leverage and finance cost.

Weak debt protection metrics

The financial risk profile remains weak. Total debt increased to Rs.934.46 crore as on March 31, 2026 from Rs.832.46 crore as on March 31, 2025. The company raised NCDs of Rs. 250 crore during FY26, diversifying its debt profile but increasing interest costs given the longer tenure instrument(s) compared to earlier WCDLs. Consequently, the interest coverage deteriorated to 0.46x in FY26 from 0.83x in FY25, while Total Debt/EBITDA remained elevated in FY26. Reliance on working-capital release for timely debt servicing shall remain a key monitorable.

Elongated working capital cycle and dependence on contingent cash inflows

The company's working capital cycle remains elongated, marked by an increase in the average collection period to 325 days in FY26 from 248 days in FY25. Receivables stood sizeable at Rs. 990.62 crore as on March 31, 2026, with a notable portion outstanding for more than one year, resulting in negative cash flow from operations of Rs. 175.76 crore in FY25 and Rs. 111.43 crore in FY26. Consequently, the company's projected debt servicing is expected to be met from realization of receivables (incl. retention money) and unbilled revenue, recovery of legacy receivables, and proceeds from conversion of promoter warrants which remains amongst the key monitorable.

Order book concentration and slow progress in key projects

The company's executable order book remains concentrated towards telecom infrastructure projects, accounting for around 86.31% of the executable order book. While the order book of around Rs. 5,003 crore as on June 30, 2026 provides sizeable revenue visibility, a significant portion is concentrated in few projects, where execution remains spread over multiple years. However, the presence of slow-moving and disputed projects could result in delays in revenue conversion and cash realizations.

Liquidity – Adequate

Liquidity is assessed as Adequate. The assessment factors in moderate utilization of working capital facilities over the twelve months ended July 2026, availability of interchangeable limits (fund based and non-fund-based) and cash and bank balances of Rs.84.74 crore as on March 31,

2026. The company also does not envisage any significant debt-funded capital expenditure over the near to medium term. Liquidity is expected to improve further from release of working capital and proceeds from share warrant conversion.

Rating Sensitivities

Upward Factors

- Sustained improvement in scale of operations along with a durable improvement in EBITDA margin, leading to a sustained improvement in interest coverage and DSCR to comfortably above unity
- Overall gearing improving well below 1.5x and adjusted tangible net worth improving on a sustained basis, supported by the envisaged equity/warrant infusion and improved internal accruals

Downward Factors

- Any further decline in revenue and/or profitability, or delay in execution of the order book, resulting in continued weak cash accruals
- Any event or set of events materially impacting liquidity, leverage or the Company's ability to service debt

About the Company

STL Networks Limited (STLNL), branded as Invenia, was incorporated on March 26, 2021 and commenced operations in 2025 following the demerger of the Global Services Business of Sterlite Technologies Limited (STL). STLNL was incorporated pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement between STL and STLNL, under which STL's Global Services Business was transferred to STLNL on a going-concern basis. The Scheme was approved by the NCLT, Mumbai Bench, on February 14, 2025, and the equity shares of STLNL were subsequently listed on the NSE and BSE on September 4, 2025.

STLNL is engaged in providing digital network services, system integration, smart city solutions and managed services, with its operations primarily catering to telecom operators, government entities and institutional customers. The company benefits from the established execution track record and industry relationships of the erstwhile Global Services Business of STL. Twin Star Overseas Limited, Mauritius, being the principal promoter entity holding around 42.91% of the equity share capital. The aggregate promoter and promoter-group holding stood at around 44.15% as on March 31, 2026. The company's registered office is located in Pune, Maharashtra.

Key Financial Indicators (Consolidated):

For the year ended/ As on*	31-03-2025	31-03-2026	Q1 FY2026	Q1 FY2027
	Audited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited
Total Operating Income	1179.72	958.96	189.95	176.15
EBITDA	73.80	53.75	8.25	9.47
PAT	-31.95	-99.11	-22.42	-21.88
Total Debt	832.46	934.46	-	-
Adjusted Tangible Net Worth (ATNW)	540.62	412.08	-	-
EBITDA Margin (%)	6.26	5.61	4.34	5.38
PAT Margin (%)	-2.71	-10.24	-11.80	-12.42
Overall Gearing (times)	1.54	2.27	-	-
Interest Coverage (times)	0.83	0.46	0.27	0.27

*Classification as per Infomerics' standards; Amount in Rs. Crore; Source: Company

Applicable Criteria

[Rating Methodology for Infrastructure Companies.](#)

[Financial Ratios & Interpretation \(Non-Financial Sector\).](#)

[Criteria for assigning Rating outlook.](#)

[Policy on Default Recognition](#)

[Consolidation of Companies](#)

[Complexity Level of Rated Instruments/Facilities](#)

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Nil

Any other information: Nil

Rating History for last three years

Sr. No.	Instruments/ Facilities	Current Ratings (Year 2026-27)			Rating History for the past 3 years		
		Type (Long Term/Short Term)	Amount outstanding (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2025-26	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2024-25	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2023-24
1.	Fund Based Facilities	LT	250.00	IVR A-/Stable	--	--	--

Annexure 1: Instrument/Facility Details

Name of Facility/ Security	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook	Listing Status	Regulator [^]	Complexity Indicator
Cash Credit	-	-	-	-	50.00*	IVR A-/Stable	Not applicable	RBI	Simple
Cash Credit 2	-	-	-	-	100.00	IVR A-/Stable	Not applicable	RBI	Simple
Proposed Cash Credit	-	-	-	-	100.00	IVR A-/Stable	Not applicable	RBI	Simple

*Interchangeable with WCDL

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Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details:

https://infomericstorage.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/len_stl_sep26_90d9485a2b.pdf

Annexure 3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated Security/facilities: Not Applicable**Annexure 4: List of companies considered for Consolidated/Combined analysis:**

Name of the entity	Extent of Consolidation	Rationale for consolidation
Sterlite Technologies UK Venture Limited	100%	Direct Subsidiary
STL UK Holdco Limited	100%	Direct Subsidiary
Clearcomm Group Limited	100%	Step-down Subsidiary
Sterlite Condu spar Industries Ltda.	50%	Joint Venture

Annexure 5: List of activities / instruments and names of regulators

Sr. No.	Instrument / activity Name	Regulator of the instruments
1	Listed/Proposed to be listed bonds/debentures/preference share (all securities)	SEBI
2	Unlisted/Proposed to be unlisted Bonds/Debentures/ Preference share (all securities)	MCA
3	Listed PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities regulated by RBI)* \$	RBI
4	Listed PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities not regulated by RBI)*	SEBI
5	Unlisted PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities regulated by RBI)*	RBI
6	Listed Commercial Paper and NCDs with original maturity less than 1 year	RBI
7	Unlisted Commercial Paper and NCDs with original maturity less than 1 year	RBI
8	Loan Facilities (Fund/Non-Fund Based) from Bank/NBFCs/NHB/FIs [^]	RBI
9	External Commercial Borrowings and other similar borrowings	RBI
10	Certificates of Deposit	RBI
11a	Fixed Deposits raised by NBFCs, HFCs, FIs	RBI
11b	Fixed Deposits raised by Banks	+



12	Fixed Deposits raised by corporates other than NBFCs, Banks, HFCs, FIs	MCA
13	Inter Corporate Deposits/Loans extended by Corporates	MCA
14	Borrowing programme ~	-
15	Issuer Ratings #	-
16	Credit Ratings for Capital Protection Oriented Schemes (by Mutual Funds and AIFs)	SEBI
17	Credit quality ratings (CQRs) for Mutual Fund Schemes and Schemes of AIFs	SEBI
18	Listed Security Receipts \$	RBI
19	Unlisted Security Receipts	RBI
20	Independent Credit Evaluation (ICE)	RBI
21	Expected Loss Ratings (for Loan Facilities (Fund/Non-Fund Based) from Bank/NBFCs/NHB/Fis)	+
22	Expected Loss Ratings (Listed/Proposed to be listed bonds/debentures/preference share (all securities))	SEBI
23	Expected Loss Ratings (Unlisted/Proposed to be unlisted Bonds/Debentures/Preference share (all securities))	MCA
24	Unlisted PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities not regulated by RBI) *	Investor-side regulator such as IRDAI, PFRDA @

Footnotes:

* Includes securitisation transactions involving assignee payout, acquirer's payout.

~ The rated instrument may involve issuance of different instruments such as debt securities (listed or otherwise), bank loans, commercial paper (listed or otherwise), etc. The regulator of the instrument may accordingly be SEBI, RBI or MCA and can only be determined upon issuance. In PRs subsequent to issuance(s), Infomerics Valuation and Rating Limited shall separately capture the rated quantum details along with names of respective regulators.

^ Includes bank facilities such as liquidity facility, second loss facility that are part of securitisation transactions.

There is no instrument being rated and hence, Regulator of the Instrument is not applicable. The rating scale and definitions are being followed as stipulated in SEBI Master Circular for CRAs.

@ These ratings were assigned during regulatory regime prior to introduction of SEBI CRA Circular dated Feb 10, 2026 and the investor side regulators have accordingly been included.

\$ By virtue of the instrument being listed, SEBI acts as the regulator for listing and related issues.

+ To be finalized following a discussion with the regulatory authorities.

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