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Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Intimation under Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 – Credit Ratings

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we wish to inform you that CARE Ratings Ltd. (“Credit Rating Agency”) has reaffirmed the rating at “CARE A; Stable / CARE A1” in respect of Long-Term / Short-Term Bank Facilities for Rs. 95.00 Crores (Enhanced from Rs. 65.00 Crores); and “CARE A; Stable” in respect of Long-Term Bank Facilities for Rs. 1,509.00 Crores (Enhanced from Rs. 1,205.00 Crores); “CARE A1” in respect of Short-Term Bank Facilities for Rs. 2,375.00 Crores (Enhanced from Rs. 1,800.00 Crores).

Copy of Press Release issued by the Credit Rating Agency on 12th October, 2026 at 8.00 P.M. is attached herewith.

Kindly take the same on your records.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For UNIVERSAL CABLES LIMITED

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Company Secretary

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Universal Cables Limited

October 12, 2026

Facilities/Instruments	Name of the Regulator ¹	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ²	Rating Action
Long-term / Short-term bank facilities	RBI	95.00 (Enhanced from 65.00)	CARE A; Stable / CARE A1	Reaffirmed
Long-term bank facilities	RBI	1,509.00 (Enhanced from 1,205.00)	CARE A; Stable	Reaffirmed
Short-term bank facilities	RBI	2,375.00 (Enhanced from 1,800.00)	CARE A1	Reaffirmed

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1.

Rationale and key rating drivers

CARE Ratings Limited (CareEdge Ratings) has reaffirmed ratings assigned to the bank loan facilities of Universal Cables Limited (UCL) at CARE A; Stable/ CARE A1. Rating reaffirmation factors in growth in UCL's revenue to ₹3,026 crore in FY26 (FY25: ₹2,414 crore) driven by higher volumes and improved products mix combined with sustained momentum in Extra-High Voltage (EHV) cable business. Despite an increase in input cost due to West Asia crisis, UCL was able to maintain its profitability at 8.7% in FY26 (FY25: 7.5%) supported by higher sales of the margin accretive EHV cables and better product mix and the strong performance continued in current fiscal as well. CareEdge Ratings expect growth momentum to continue given the healthy order book in-hand of around ₹3,000 crore and orders in pipeline worth ₹470 crore as of September 2026, available with the company to be executed in the next 18-20 months.

Owing to large capital expenditure (capex) plan of around ₹720 crore from FY25-FY27, financial risk profile remained moderate with net leverage of 3.6x in FY26 (FY25: 3.4x) while the interest coverage ratio remained comfortable at 2.3x in FY26 (FY25: 1.7x). In the absence of further large debt funded capex plan, financial risk profile is likely to remain comfortable. However, Birla Furukawa Fibre Optics Private Limited (BFFOPL; CARE BBB+/Stable), JV between MP Birla Group and Furukawa Electric Company Limited (FECL) is proposing to undertake a capex of ₹4,500 crore to increase its production capacity in the medium term which will further strengthen the overall business profile of the group, however, broad contours of the project such as funding pattern and expected group support are yet to be finalised. CareEdge Ratings will therefore monitor the project's progress and once details on the funding pattern are firmed up, assess its impact on the credit profile of UCL as well as UCL holds 26.14% shareholding in BFFOPL.

Rating continues to derive comfort from its association with experienced and financially strong MP Birla group, which has a demonstrated track record of extending timely funding support, when required by the group companies. UCL also benefits from strong financial flexibility as part of the group, evident from recent infusion of funds to support its capex.

However, ratings remain constrained by inherently working capital intensive operations, which results in high reliance on bank borrowings. While the working capital cycle has improved in recent years with reduction in debtor days owing to faster collection, it continues to remain elongated due to the company's exposure to the engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) segment as major portion of this business is executed against payment terms linked to physical progress and project milestones. The company also faces exposure to raw material price volatility, which is partly mitigated by hedging practices and escalation clauses. The competitive intensity in the cables and EPC industry and project execution risks also weigh on the credit profile.

Rating sensitivities: Factors likely to lead to rating actions

Positive factors

- Substantial increase in total operating income (TOI) with profit before interest, lease rentals, depreciation and taxation (PBILDT) margin to over 10% and operating return on capital employed (ROCE) above 15% on a sustained basis.
- Total debt to PBILDT (TD/PBILDT) ratio below 2.5x on a sustained basis.
- Improving operating cycle to below 100 days on a sustained basis.

¹SEBI: Securities and Exchange Board of India; RBI: Reserve Bank of India; MCA: Ministry of Corporate Affairs; IRDAI: Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India; PFRDA: Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority

²Complete definitions of ratings assigned are available at www.careratings.com and in other CARE Ratings Limited's publications.

Negative factors

- Sustained decline in PBILDT margins below 8% or operating ROCE below 10% on a sustained basis.
- Total debt/PBILDT beyond 4x on a sustained basis.
- Operating cycle remaining elongated or deteriorating beyond 180 days.

Analytical approach: Consolidated

CareEdge Ratings has considered a consolidated approach considering strong operational, management and financial linkages between group companies. Entities consolidated are listed under Annexure-5. Ratings also duly factor in financial support from MP Birla group of companies.

Outlook: Stable

'Stable' outlook reflects CareEdge Ratings' expectation of sustained strong operating performance backed by healthy order book position with comfortable financial risk profile and likelihood on continued support from MP Birla group, when required.

Detailed description of key rating drivers

Key strengths

Established track record in the cable business; Funding support from experienced and resourceful promoter group

UCL has over five decades of track record in the power cables industry, with a broad product portfolio that includes low voltage (LV), medium voltage (MV), EHV cables up to 500 kV, and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and rubber insulated cables up to 11 kV. This diverse offering enables the company to cater to varied customer segments across industries. UCL's technical strength is reinforced by its long-standing collaboration with FECL, under which it has installed two vertical continuous vulcanising (VCV) lines to manufacture EHV cables. UCL has partnered with Viscas Corporation, Japan (a joint venture of Furukawa and Fujikura) for sourcing advanced cable jointing accessories for 220 kV and above, further enhancing its capability in the high-end cable segment.

UCL benefits from being part of the well-established and diversified MP Birla group, which has business interests across sectors such as cement, jute, carbide, power cables, capacitors, and telecom cables. The group operates through entities such as Birla Corporation Limited (rated CARE AA; Stable/CARE A1+), Vindhya Telelinks Limited (CARE A RWD/ CARE A1 RWD) and Birla Cable Limited (CARE A (CE) RWD/ CARE A1 (CE) RWD and CARE BBB+ RWP). The MP Birla group owns 50% ownership in two joint venture entities: Birla Furukawa Fibre Optics Private Limited (BFFOPL, CARE BBB+; Stable/ CARE A2) and Hindustan Gum & Chemicals Limited (HGCL, 'CARE A+; Stable/ CARE A1+'). The group has a track record of extending timely financial assistance for capex and working capital needs. Total subordinated unsecured loans and inter corporate deposits to UCL from group companies amounted to ₹273 crore as on March 31, 2026. CareEdge Ratings has factored in such support in ratings from the MP Birla group to continue going forward, as required.

Strong demand improved business profile in FY26; Performance likely to sustain in near term with healthy order book

Company recorded a 25% y-o-y increase in its revenue to ₹3,026 crore in FY26 (FY25: ₹2,414 crore) driven by higher volumes and improved products mix combined with sustained momentum in EHV cable business. UCL holds a strong position in the domestic EHV cable segment and undertakes turnkey EPC contracts as well. These contracts cover the full project scope, including manufacturing (per technical specifications), supply, laying, installation, and commissioning of cables. UCL has a combined (for EPC and cables) unexecuted confirmed order book position of ₹3,024 crore as of September 2026 (March 2025: ₹1,792 crore). Apart from that, the company has orders in pipeline amounting to ₹463 crore, with several orders in the exports business, providing healthy revenue visibility for the medium term.

Despite an increase in input cost due to West Asia crisis, UCL was able to maintain its profitability at 8.7% in FY26 (FY25: 7.5%) supported by higher sales of the margin accretive EHV cables and better product mix. Strong performance continued in current fiscal as well and company booked highest ever quarterly sales of ₹945 crore with healthy earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation, and amortisation (EBITDA) margin of 9.7% in Q1FY27. While the company witnessed a rise in its key raw material price (copper and aluminium) by 50-60% y-o-y for the last 18-month period, profitability is expected to sustain at 8-10% supported by higher EHV orders with majority orders having price variations clause and price risks being hedged on others and higher expectation of exports which are margin accretive and cost optimisation.

Copper, aluminium, and polyethylene are key materials consumed in the cables segment, prices of which are volatile. While bidding for orders, the company ties up raw materials as an attempt to capture the anticipated escalation in raw material prices, mitigating price volatility. For EPC orders, the company has price escalation clauses for large and longer-period orders. UCL has

also a full-fledged hedging desk since January 2022 to hedge itself from adverse fluctuations in raw material prices for orders, which are fixed price in nature.

Key weaknesses

Financial profile continues to be moderate in FY26; Large planned capex in JV key monitorable

UCL had planned capex of ₹550 crore from FY25-FY27 for capacity expansion along most product lines in Satna unit, which increased to around ₹720 crore including general capex of ₹165 crore and tech upgradation and modernisation capex of ₹75 crore. Capex is to be funded through mix of term loan, related party loans and internal accruals. The company has incurred ~₹445 crore as on March 31, 2026, and the balance will be incurred from FY27-Q1FY28.

Owing to this large debt-funded capex plan, financial risk profile remained moderate with net leverage of 3.6x in FY26 (FY25: 3.4x) however, interest coverage ratio was comfortable at 2.3x in FY26 (FY25: 1.7x). In absence of further large debt funded capex plan in UCL, financial risk profile is likely to remain comfortable.

However, there is another large greenfield capex of ~₹4,500 crore proposed in its JV, BFFOPL for the phased augmentation of optical fibre production capacity and establishment of a state-of-the-art upstream preform manufacturing facility in the medium term. The project is likely to be funded by a mix of internal accruals, equity and debt, subject to detailed engineering and evaluation of other project-related aspects, however, broad contours of the funding mix and expected group support is yet to be finalised. UCL holds 26.14% shareholding in BFFOPL, hence the likely support from UCL towards this project can impact the credit profile of UCL in the medium term and will remain a key monitorable.

Working capital intensive operations with inherent execution risks

UCL's operations remain inherently working capital intensive, primarily due to the nature of its customer base and the structure of its EPC contracts. A significant portion of receivables arises from customers in the EPC segment, with an elongated payment cycle. For cable supply contracts, the company typically extends credit periods of up to 120 days. In the EPC segment, instead of availing customer advances, which are typically high cost, the company funds project execution through bank borrowings. EPC orders have longer execution timelines of 18–24 months, with milestone-based payments leading to debtor accumulation, however, 80% of the debtor outstanding as on June 30, 2026, were not due for payment under the contractual terms. Working capital cycle for the company has improved to 125 days in FY26 from 155 days in FY25, largely due to better debtor collection and higher portion of revenue coming from manufacturing segment in recent years. Average working capital utilisation remained moderate at ~73% for 12 months ended August 2026, indicating cushion in bank lines.

UCL is an established player in the cable business where majority orders are from power and infrastructure sectors with clientele including government departments, PSUs and large corporates. A significant delay in release of payment from customers can impact operational performance of UCL. The cable industry is marked by presence of several organised and unorganised players, exposing UCL to inherent competition in the industry. CareEdge Ratings notes that the company's established position in cables business mitigates this risk to an extent.

Liquidity: Adequate

The company has an adequate liquidity position, characterised by backed by stable cash flow generation, comfortable debt servicing ability, and financial flexibility it has due to being part of the MP Birla Group. The company generated healthy gross cash accruals (GCA) of ₹140 crore in FY26 (PY: ₹86 crore). UCL has repayment obligations amounting ₹170 crore in FY27 against which GCA is estimated to be around ₹200 crore in the near-to-medium term. Bank lines remained moderately utilised at around 73% over the last 12 months ending August 2026, indicating adequate cushion in bank lines. The company is expected to receive timely support from group companies for part funding of its capex requirements. This provides further comfort on liquidity and limits pressure on internal cash flows. Timely drawdown and execution of the capex plan, and sustained internal accruals, will remain key credit monitorable.

Assumptions/Covenants: Not applicable

Environment, social, and governance (ESG) risks: Not applicable

Applicable criteria

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About the company and industry

Industry classification

Macroeconomic indicator	Sector	Industry	Basic industry
Industrials	Capital goods	Industrial products	Cables - electricals

Part of the MP Birla Group, UCL is into manufacturing power cables and capacitors for power industry, rubber cables for original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and other industries such as railways, steel plants, petrochemical plants, cement plants, oil rig manufacturers, ship building, mining and telecom cables. The company's power cables are sold under the brand 'UNISTAR'. The company also has a technical collaboration with FECL in the EHV cable sector and adopts VCV and Pressurized Liquid Salt Bath Curing (PLCV) technology for manufacturing power and rubber cables, respectively. Apart from manufacturing power cables for multifarious applications, UCL has dedicated EPC team to execute turnkey contracts for utilities/projects in the EHV segment.

Brief Financials (₹ crore) Consolidated	March 31, 2025 (A)	March 31, 2026 (A)	Q1 FY27 (UA)
Total operating income	2,414	3,026	945
PBILDT*	180	264	92
Profit after tax (PAT)	89	163	70
Overall gearing (x)	0.31	0.44	-
Interest coverage (x)	1.73	2.30	2.51

A: Audited; UA: Unaudited; Note: these are latest available financial results

*PBILDT: Profit before interest, lease rentals, depreciation and tax

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: Not applicable

Rating history for last three years: Annexure-2

Detailed explanation of covenants of rated instrument / facility: Annexure-3

For complexity level of instruments rated refer to Annexure-1

Lender details: Annexure-4

Disclosure on facilities/instruments and name of regulators:

A list of facilities / instruments falling under the purview of financial sector regulators (FSRs) along with the names of respective FSRs has been duly disclosed by CareEdge Ratings on its website. A link to the same has been provided below for ready reference:

https://www.careratings.com/activities_and_regulators

Note: For facilities or instruments falling under the purview of FSRs other than Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the grievance / dispute redressal mechanisms and investor protection mechanisms provided by SEBI shall not be available.

Annexure-1: Details of instruments/facilities

Name of the Instrument	Name of the Regulator	Complexity Level	ISIN	Date of Issuance (DD-MM-YYYY)	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date (DD-MM-YYYY)	Size of the Issue (₹ crore)	Rating Assigned and Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	RBI	NA	-		-	-	825.00	CARE A; Stable
Non-fund-based - LT/ST-Derivative Limits	RBI	NA	-		-	-	95.00	CARE A; Stable / CARE A1
Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	RBI	NA	-		-	-	2375.00	CARE A1
Term Loan-Long Term	RBI	NA	-		-	31-12-2029	684.00	CARE A; Stable

Annexure-2: Rating history for last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating History			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (₹ crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2026-2027	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2025-2026	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2024-2025	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2023-2024
1	Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	ST	2375.00	CARE A1	-	1)CARE A1 (23-Feb-26) 2)CARE A1 (09-Jul-25)	1)CARE A1 (05-Jul-24)	1)CARE A1 (09-Oct-23) 2)CARE A1 (04-Jul-23)
2	Non-fund-based - LT/ST-Derivative Limits	LT/ST	95.00	CARE A; Stable / CARE A1	-	1)CARE A; Stable / CARE A1 (23-Feb-26) 2)CARE A; Stable / CARE A1 (09-Jul-25)	1)CARE A; Stable / CARE A1 (05-Jul-24)	1)CARE A; Stable / CARE A1 (09-Oct-23) 2)CARE A; Stable / CARE A1 (04-Jul-23)
3	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	825.00	CARE A; Stable	-	1)CARE A; Stable (23-Feb-26)	1)CARE A; Stable (05-Jul-24)	1)CARE A; Stable (09-Oct-23)

						2)CARE A; Stable (09-Jul-25)		2)CARE A; Stable (04-Jul-23)
4	Non-fund-based - LT-Letter of credit	LT	-	-	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (04-Jul-23)
5	Term Loan-Long Term	LT	684.00	CARE A; Stable	-	1)CARE A; Stable (23-Feb-26) 2)CARE A; Stable (09-Jul-25)	1)CARE A; Stable (05-Jul-24)	1)CARE A; Stable (09-Oct-23) 2)CARE A; Stable (04-Jul-23)

LT: Long term; ST: Short term; LT/ST: Long term/Short term

Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of covenants of rated instruments/facilities: Not applicable

Annexure-4: Lender details

To view lender-wise details of bank facilities please [click here](#)

Annexure-5: List of entities consolidated

Sr No	Name of the entity	Extent of consolidation	Rationale for consolidation
1	Vindhya Telelinks Limited	Moderate consolidation	Associate
2	Birla Furukawa Fibre Optics Private Limited	Moderate consolidation	Joint Venture

Note on complexity levels of rated instruments: CareEdge Ratings has classified instruments rated by it based on complexity. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careedge.in for clarifications.

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