



## **Srei Equipment Finance's rating upgraded to AA+**

**Kolkata, March 16, 2017:** Srei Equipment Finance Limited ("SEFL"), one of India's largest equipment financing institutions, today announced that SMERA Ratings Limited ("SMERA") has upgraded its rating on the company's unsecured subordinated non-convertible debenture ("NCD") instrument aggregating Rs 700 crore and secured unsubordinated NCD instrument aggregating Rs 700 crore to 'SMERA AA+' with Stable Outlook from 'SMERA AA'.

The rating upgrade reflects SEFL's ability to exhibit sustained growth in assets under management ("AUM") while improving its asset quality. SMERA believes that sound risk management practices followed by SEFL, coupled with a favourable economic environment for infrastructure players, will augur well for its credit profile. The rating upgrade also factors in improvement in profitability indicators for the nine month ended December, 2016 which is expected to be sustained over the near to medium term. The profitability improvement is primarily driven by lower provisioning requirements; an offshoot of the overall buoyancy in infrastructure spending and consequent improvement in the cash flow profile of infrastructure players.

SEFL's NCDs also have a 'BWR AA+' rating with Stable Outlook from Brickwork Ratings.

Commenting on the rating upgrade, **Devendra Kumar Vyas**, CEO, SEFL, said: "The rating upgrade endorses the quality of our assets and reflects our robust business model; arising out of unique customer-vendor centricity and 27 years of market experience. We believe that as an organisation we are favourably placed to ride the growth wave in the infrastructure equipment finance and equipment solutions space. The upgrade also reaffirms investors' faith in our business and enables us to raise resources from diversified sources at competitive rates leading to further improvement in our stakeholder benefits."

SEFL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited ("Srei"), one of India's largest private sector holistic infrastructure institutions. SEFL has a pan-India presence with offices in 89 locations and enjoys over 30% market share in infrastructure equipment financing.

### **About Srei:**

Srei is one of India's largest private sector holistic infrastructure institutions, constantly and consistently delivering innovative solutions in the infrastructure sector. The company has been playing a significant role in nation-building for more than two-and-a-half decades, both in urban and rural India. Srei's businesses include Infrastructure Project Finance, Advisory and Development, Infrastructure Equipment Finance, Alternative Investment Funds, Capital Markets and Insurance Broking. Srei is headquartered in Kolkata and has presence across India.

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