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Company Symbol : ICIL

Scrip Code No.: 521016

# Sub: Press Release for upgrade of Rating to CARE AA- (Double A Minus) and CARE A1+ (A One Plus )

Please find enclosed a copy of the Press Release for Rating Upgrade to "CARE AA-" (Double A Minus) for Long Term Bank facilities and to "CARE A1+" (A One Plus) for Short Term Bank facilities by Credit Analysis & Research Ltd (CARE) in respect of Indo Count Industries Limited (" the Company")

Kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For Indo Count Industries Limited

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## INDO COUNT INDUSTRIES LIMITED

## **Press Release**

CARE upgrades Indo Count Industries Ltd 's Long Term Bank facilities (Term Loans ) rating to "CARE AA –" and Short Term Bank facilities rating to "CARE A1+"

**Mumbai, Maharashtra, October 04, 2016:** Indo Count and Industries Limited (ICIL, *BSE: 521016 / NSE: ICIL*), a leading manufacturer and exporter of Home Textile products, announced that its credit rating has been **upgraded** by Credit Analysis & Research Ltd. (CARE) as under:-

- CARE AA- (Double A minus) for Long Term Bank Facilities (Term Loans) from CARE A (Single A) signifying high degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such facilities carry very low credit risk.
- CARE A1+ (A One Plus) for Short Term Bank Facilities from CARE A1 signifying very strong
  degree of safety regarding timely payment of financial obligations. Such facilities carry lowest
  credit risk.

This upgradation in the long term bank facilities (Term loan) and Short term bank facilities (Fund & Non-Fund based Bank Facilities) ratings reflects the Company's consistent cash accruals generated in the business and its strengthened leading position in the niche Home Textiles segment which has led to a healthy debt coverage metrics and liquidity position for the Company.

## **About Indo Count Industries Limited (ICIL)**

CIN: L72200PN1988PLC068972

Indo Count Industries Ltd (ICIL) (part of S&P BSE 500), is one of India's largest Home Textile manufacturer. Under the leadership of Mr. Anil Kumar Jain who has been awarded as one of the India's Best Top 100 CEO's 2015, the Company has focused on some of the world's finest fashion, institutional and utility bedding and has built significant presence across the globe. Over the years, the Company has successfully carved out a niche for itself and has become a total bedding resource. The processing capacity of the Company is being enhanced from 68 million meters to 90 million meters during this fiscal year FY 2017.

The Company's product comprises the following:-

- **Bed sheets:** Flat sheet, fitted sheet and pillow cases
- Fashion bedding: Comforters, bed in bag, quilts and coverlets, decorative pillows, etc.
- Utility bedding: mattress pads, protectors, comforters filled with poly fibre
- **Institutional linen:** Basic white bedding, duvet covers and shams; caters to hotels, hospitals and others

The Company has launched the following innovated products:-

- Infinity cotton: Blend of a few finest cotton varieties in the world resulting in superior yarn
- **Thermal balance:** Balances temperature between body and bed to deliver superior sleep characteristics

ICIL has introduced three lifestyle brands "Boutique Living", "Revival" and "The Pure Collection" in March, 2016 in US Market. Further 3 new brands viz. Sanderson, Harlequin and Scion, licensed through Walker Greenbank PLC UK, having strong presence in UK & Australia were introduced in North America.

ICIL is second largest manufacturer and exporter of bed linen from India; amongst the top three bed sheet suppliers in USA and eleventh largest global home textiles supplier to USA. ICIL has a strong global clientele and exports to more than 54 countries. Major revenues are derived from USA, the Company's largest market; its other prominent markets comprise UK, Canada, Europe, MENA and Australia etc. The Company enjoys long-term relationships with large global marquee retailers.

ICIL has been conferred for second consecutive year prestigious award from TEXPROCIL for the year 2015-16, SILVER TROPHY for the Second Highest Exports of "Bed Linen/Bed Sheets/Quilts under Category III.

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