

Report for the month of August 2011

CARE Ratings Maldives has conducted a presentation on Rating Methodology to officials of the Capital Market Development Authority (CMDA). The purpose of the presentation was to build understanding on the rating process and procedures and further clarify rationale behind the first rating assignment of CARE Ratings Maldives assigned to Works Corporation Ltd.

A research report on Maldives Tourism Industry is expected to be released early next month. CARE Ratings Maldives has been actively interacting with various players in the economy to understand the industry and foresee the developments and challenges to the Industry. Further, CARE Ratings Maldives is preparing a report on Money Exchangers and has met with Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) and other money exchangers to gather the necessary information. The report is likely to be released soon.

On August 18, 2011 CARE Ratings Maldives Team participated in the Public Lecture organised by CMDA on Corporate Governance. Dr. Harilaos Mertzanis from Greece shared his experiences and knowledge and emphasised on the importance of Corporate Governance in Maldives. The methodology for Corporate Governance ratings for Maldives is at an advanced stage preparation and is expected to be finalised next month.

The recent establishment of the first Islamic Bank in Maldives facilitated the availability of Shariah compliant products in the economy. CARE Ratings Maldives is exploring the need for a rating methodology for such products and subsequently held meetings with the Maldives Islamic Bank and the Capital Market Shariah Advisory Committee. The objective of the meeting is to understand the regulatory aspects governing the Islamic Capital Market and Islamic banks, products, interbank operations, etc.

Along with the Maldivian business community, CARE Ratings Maldives participated in the event of Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), jointly conducted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Economic Development. The objective of the meeting was to introduce MIGA's products and services. MIGA provides political risk insurance guarantees to private sector investors and lenders. The Organisation claims that its guarantees can improve ratings of International Credit Ratings Agencies.