

Mahestala Agro Foods Private Limited

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Ratings

Facilities / Instruments	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	17.30	CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Single B Plus; Outlook: Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Total Facilities	17.30 (Rs. Seventeen Crore and Thirty Lakhs Only)		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

**Issuer not cooperating; Based on best available information*

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

CARE Ratings Ltd. had, vide its press release dated October 28, 2021, placed the rating(s) of Mahestala Agro Foods Private Limited (MAFPL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as MAFPL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating and had not paid the surveillance fees for the rating exercise as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. MAFPL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated September 13, 2022, September 23, 2022, October 03, 2022.

In line with the extant SEBI guidelines, CARE Ratings Ltd. has reviewed the rating on the basis of the best available information which however, in CARE Ratings Ltd.'s opinion is not sufficient to arrive at a fair rating.

Users of this rating (including investors, lenders and the public at large) are hence requested to exercise caution while using the above rating(s).

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

Please refer to PR dated [October 28, 2021](#)

Analytical approach: Standalone

Applicable criteria

[Policy in respect of Non-cooperation by issuer](#)

[Policy on default recognition](#)

[Criteria on assigning outlook and credit watch](#)

About the Company

Kolkata-based, Mahestala Agro Foods Private Limited (MAFPL) incorporated in April, 2009, was promoted by the Kundu family of Kolkata, West Bengal with Mr. Nityananda Kundu being the main promoter. MAFPL is engaged in the trading activities of agro based food products like rice, wheat, sugar, salt, edible oil etc. MAFPL has entered into an authorized license agreement since March, 2013 with West Bengal Public Distribution System (WBPDS) under Government of West Bengal whereby MAFPL receives orders for supply of food items like rice, wheat, sugar, salt etc. to WBPDS and the company sells edible oil to local customers. This apart, the company is also engaged in retailing of silver, gold, platinum and diamond jewellery under a franchise agreement with Titan Industries Limited under the brand name "Tanishq". MAFPL has two showrooms under this agreement, located at Barasat, and Behala in Kolkata, West Bengal. The franchise agreement with Titan Industries Limited for Barasat and Behala showrooms are valid for a period of nine years ending in May 2022 and March 2026 respectively.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY21 (A)	FY22 (A)	9MFY23 (Prov.)
Total operating income	63.91	NA	NA
PBILDT	0.99	NA	NA
PAT	2.27	NA	NA
Overall gearing (times)	1.34	NA	NA
Interest coverage (times)	0.60	NA	NA

A: Audited; Prov.: Provisional; NA: Not Available

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

¹Complete definitions of the ratings assigned are available at www.careedge.in and in other CARE Ratings Ltd.'s publications

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Rating History for last three years: Please refer Annexure-2

Covenants of rated instrument/facility: Annexure-3

Complexity level of various instruments rated for this company: Annexure-4

Annexure-1: Details of Instruments/Facilities

Name of the Instrument	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. crore)	Rating Assigned along with Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit		-	-	-	17.30	CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating History			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2022-2023	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2021-2022	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2020-2021	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2019-2020
1	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	17.30	CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (28-Oct-21)	1)CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (09-Nov-20)	1)CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (14-Aug-19)

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

Annexure 4: Complexity level of various instruments rated for this company

Sr. No.	Name of Instrument	Complexity Level
1	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	Simple

Annexure-5: Bank Lender Details for this Company

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

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: CARE Ratings Ltd. has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careedge.in for any clarifications.

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