

Lalitha Metals

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Ratings

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	7.37	CARE C; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Single C; Outlook: Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Short Term Bank Facilities	0.15	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (A Four; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Total Bank Facilities	7.52 (Rs. Seven Crore and Fifty-Two Lakhs Only)		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

CARE Ratings Ltd. had, vide its press release dated September 29, 2021, placed the rating(s) of Lalitha Metals (LM) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as LM 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. LM continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated August 15, 2022, August 25, 2022, September 04, 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 [September 29, 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

Lalitha Metals (LM) was incorporated in 1976 by Mr. A. Krishna Balaji and Mr. A V K Chowdary. The firm is engaged in the business of manufacturing of Spheroidal Graphite Iron (SG Iron) castings which include cast iron and non-ferrous castings, valves, pipe fittings and manhole covers.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY20 (A)	FY21(A)	FY22(Prov.)	H1FY23(Prov.)
Total operating income	NA	NA	NA	NA
PBILDT	NA	NA	NA	NA
PAT	NA	NA	NA	NA
Overall gearing (times)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Interest coverage (times)	NA	NA	NA	NA

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

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Brickwork Ratings has continued the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of LM to the 'issuer not-cooperating' category vide press release dated March 21, 2022 on account its inability to carryout review in the absence of best available information from the Firm.

Any other information: Not Applicable

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

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 Firm: 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-Term Loan		-	-	December-2022	4.17	CARE C; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit		-	-	-	3.20	CARE C; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee		-	-	-	0.15	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

*Issuer did not cooperate; Based on best available information

Annexure-2: Rating history for the 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-Term Loan	LT	4.17	CARE C; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE C; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (29-Sep-21)	1)CARE C; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (28-Sep-20)	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (09-Jul-19)
2	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	3.20	CARE C; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE C; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (29-Sep-21)	1)CARE C; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (28-Sep-20)	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (09-Jul-19)
3	Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee	ST	0.15	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (29-Sep-21)	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (28-Sep-20)	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (09-Jul-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 Firm

Sr. No.	Name of Instrument	Complexity Level
1	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	Simple
2	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	Simple
3	Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee	Simple

Annexure-5: Bank lender details for this Firm

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

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: CARE 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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