

Hi-Tech Agro Food Private Limited

June 13, 2022

Ratings

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	8.25	CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Single B; Outlook: Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Total Bank Facilities	8.25 (Rs. Eight Crore and Twenty-Five Lakhs Only)		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

CARE Ratings Ltd. had, vide its press release dated March 26, 2021, placed the rating(s) of Hi-Tech Agro Food Private Limited (HAFPL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as HAFPL 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. HAFPL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated February 09, 2022, February 19, 2022, March 01, 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 [March 26, 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

Trichy (Tamil Nadu) based Hi-Tech Agro Food Private Limited (HAFPL) was incorporated on May 26, 2005 by Mr B Rajendran, Mr P A V Arumugam, Mr. D Ravi along with their family members. The company is engaged in milling and trading of nonbasmati rice such as raw rice, boiled rice and broken rice etc. with processing capacity of 43000 Metric tonnes per annum. Mr B Rajendran (Managing Director) and Mr D Ravi (Joint MD), having more than three decades of experience in the rice milling industry, looks after the day to day operations of the company along with other directors who have rich experience in the similar line of business. HAFPL procures paddy directly from farmers and small paddy agents in Tanjavur, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. The company did not avail any COVID-19 moratorium on its bank facilities.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY20 (A)	FY21 (A)	FY22 (Prov.)
Total operating income	19.86	12.95	NA
PBILDT	0.88	0.86	NA
PAT	0.05	0.07	NA
Overall gearing (times)	2.99	1.91	NA
Interest coverage (times)	1.31	1.34	NA

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

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: CRISIL has continued the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of HAFPL to the 'issuer not-cooperating' category vide press release dated February 22, 2022 on account its inability to carryout review in the absence of best available information from the company.

Any other information: Not Applicable

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

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

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		-	-	-	8.25	CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

*Issuer did not cooperate; Based on best available information

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) & Rating(s) assigned in 2022-2023	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2021-2022	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2020-2021	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-2020
1	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	8.25	CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	-	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-Mar-21)	1)CARE B+; Stable (23-Mar-20)

*Issuer did not cooperate; Based on best available information

Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instrument / 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 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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