

Cooch Behar Tea Company Limited

October 19, 2022

Ratings

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	10.05	CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Double B; Outlook: Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Short Term Bank Facilities	0.60	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (A Four; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Total Bank Facilities	10.65 (Rs. Ten Crore and Sixty-Five Lakhs Only)		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

CARE Ratings Ltd. had, vide its press release dated August 26, 2021, placed the rating(s) of Cooch Behar Tea Company Limited (CBTCL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as CBTCL 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. CBTCL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated July 12, 2022, July 22, 2022, August 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 [August 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

Cooch Behar Tea Company Limited (CTCL) was incorporated during 1992 and promoted by Mr. Shyam Sundar Agarwal. The company is engaged in cultivation of green tea and blending of black tea. The company has a blending and processing unit at Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY20 (A)	FY21 (A)	FY22 (Prov.)	H1FY23 (Prov.)
Total operating income	27.78	40.10	NA	NA
PBILDT	3.15	3.27	NA	NA
PAT	0.55	0.86	NA	NA
Overall gearing (times)	1.16	1.54	NA	NA
Interest coverage (times)	2.74	2.52	NA	NA

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

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

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

Covenants of rated instrument/facility: Annexure-3

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

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		-	-	-	6.90	CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan		-	-	August 2025	3.15	CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee		-	-	-	0.60	CARE A4; 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) 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	3.15	CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	-	1)CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (26-Aug-21)	1)CARE BB+; Stable (09-Jul-20)	1)CARE BB+; Stable (22-Aug-19)
2	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	6.90	CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	-	1)CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (26-Aug-21)	1)CARE BB+; Stable (09-Jul-20)	1)CARE BB+; Stable (22-Aug-19)
3	Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee	ST	0.60	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (26-Aug-21)	1)CARE A4+ (09-Jul-20)	1)CARE A4+ (22-Aug-19)

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Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of covenants of rated instrument/facility: Not Applicable
Annexure-4: Complexity level of various instruments rated for this company:

Sr. No.	Name of the 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 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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