

## Mahestala Agro Foods Private Limited

March 12, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	17.30	CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category and Revised from CARE B+; Stable;

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1.

\*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information.

### Rationale and key rating drivers

CARE Ratings Ltd. had, vide its press release dated January 04, 2023, 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 November 20, 2023, November 30, 2023, December 10, 2023.

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).**

The ratings assigned to the bank facilities of MAFPL have been revised on account of non-availability of requisite information.

**Analytical approach:** Standalone

**Outlook:** Stable

### Detailed description of the key rating drivers

Please refer to PR dated [January 04, 2023](#)

### Applicable criteria

[CARE Rating's criteria on information adequacy risk and issuer non-cooperation](#)

[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)	March 31, 2021 (A)	March 31, 2022 (A)
Total operating income	63.91	90.68
PBILDT	0.99	7.11
PAT	2.27	3.58
Overall gearing (times)	1.34	1.29
Interest coverage (times)	0.60	3.90

A: Audited; Note: 'the above results are latest financial results available'

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:** CRISIL has moved the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of MAFPL to 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category vide press release dated November 22, 2023 on account of its inability to carry out a review in the absence of the requisite information from the company.

<sup>1</sup>Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at [www.careedge.in](http://www.careedge.in) and other CARE Ratings Ltd.'s publications

**Any other information:** Not Applicable

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

**Covenants of the rated instruments/facilities:** Detailed explanation of the covenants of the rated instruments/facilities is given in Annexure-3

**Complexity level of various instruments rated:** Annexure-4

**Lender details:** Annexure-5

#### Annexure-1: Details of instruments/facilities

Name of the Instrument	ISIN	Date of Issuance (DD-MM-YYYY)	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date (DD-MM-YYYY)	Size of the Issue (₹ crore)	Rating Assigned along with Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit		-	-	-	17.30	CARE B; Stable; 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 (₹ crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2023-2024	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
1	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	17.30	CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (04-Jan-23)	1)CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (28-Oct-21)	1)CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (09-Nov-20)

\*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information; LT: Long term

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

#### Annexure-4: Complexity level of the various instruments rated

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

#### Annexure-5: Lender details

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

**Note on the complexity levels of the rated instruments:** CARE Ratings 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.

### Contact us

<p><b>Media Contact</b></p> <p>Mradul Mishra Director <b>CARE Ratings Limited</b> Phone: +91-22-6754 3596 E-mail: <a href="mailto:mradul.mishra@careedge.in">mradul.mishra@careedge.in</a></p> <p><b>Relationship Contact</b></p> <p>Saikat Roy Senior Director <b>CARE Ratings Limited</b> Phone: 91 22 6754 3404 E-mail: <a href="mailto:saikat.roy@careedge.in">saikat.roy@careedge.in</a></p>	<p><b>Analytical Contacts</b></p> <p>Shachee Nakul Vyas Assistant Director <b>CARE Ratings Limited</b> Phone: 079-40265665 E-mail: <a href="mailto:shachee.tripathi@careedge.in">shachee.tripathi@careedge.in</a></p> <p>Foram Prakashchandra Dave Analyst <b>CARE Ratings Limited</b> Phone: 079-40265687 E-mail: <a href="mailto:foram.dave@careedge.in">foram.dave@careedge.in</a></p> <p>Riddhi Virenkumar Shah Associate Analyst <b>CARE Ratings Limited</b> E-mail: <a href="mailto:riddhi.shah@careedge.in">riddhi.shah@careedge.in</a></p>
---	--

#### About us:

Established in 1993, CARE Ratings is one of the leading credit rating agencies in India. Registered under the Securities and Exchange Board of India, it has been acknowledged as an External Credit Assessment Institution by the RBI. With an equitable position in the Indian capital market, CARE Ratings provides a wide array of credit rating services that help corporates raise capital and enable investors to make informed decisions. With an established track record of rating companies over almost three decades, CARE Ratings follows a robust and transparent rating process that leverages its domain and analytical expertise, backed by the methodologies congruent with the international best practices. CARE Ratings has played a pivotal role in developing bank debt and capital market instruments, including commercial papers, corporate bonds and debentures, and structured credit.

#### Disclaimer:

The ratings issued by CARE Ratings are opinions on the likelihood of timely payment of the obligations under the rated instrument and are not recommendations to sanction, renew, disburse, or recall the concerned bank facilities or to buy, sell, or hold any security. These ratings do not convey suitability or price for the investor. The agency does not constitute an audit on the rated entity. CARE Ratings has based its ratings/outlook based on information obtained from reliable and credible sources. CARE Ratings does not, however, guarantee the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of any information and is not responsible for any errors or omissions and the results obtained from the use of such information. Most entities whose bank facilities/instruments are rated by CARE Ratings have paid a credit rating fee, based on the amount and type of bank facilities/instruments. CARE Ratings or its subsidiaries/associates may also be involved with other commercial transactions with the entity. In case of partnership/proprietary concerns, the rating/outlook assigned by CARE Ratings is, inter-alia, based on the capital deployed by the partners/proprietors and the current financial strength of the firm. The ratings/outlook may change in case of withdrawal of capital, or the unsecured loans brought in by the partners/proprietors in addition to the financial performance and other relevant factors. CARE Ratings is not responsible for any errors and states that it has no financial liability whatsoever to the users of the ratings of CARE Ratings. The ratings of CARE Ratings do not factor in any rating-related trigger clauses as per the terms of the facilities/instruments, which may involve acceleration of payments in case of rating downgrades. However, if any such clauses are introduced and triggered, the ratings may see volatility and sharp downgrades.

**For the detailed Rationale Report and subscription information,  
please visit [www.careedge.in](http://www.careedge.in)**