

Asian Tea Company Private Limited

April 10, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	16.00	CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category and Revised from CARE BB+; Stable;
Short Term Bank Facilities	45.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category and Revised from CARE A4+;

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 30, 2023, placed the rating(s) of Asian Tea Company Private Limited (ATCPL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as ATCPL 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. ATCPL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated December 26, 2023, January 05, 2024, April 05, 2024.

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 ATCPL have been revised on account of non-availability of requisite information. The revision also factored in increased debt levels which has led to deterioration in capital structure during FY23.

Analytical approach: Standalone

Outlook: Stable

Detailed description of the key rating drivers:

Please refer to PR dated [January 30, 2023](#)

Applicable criteria

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

[Policy on default recognition](#)

[Criteria on Assigning 'Outlook' or 'Rating Watch' to Credit Ratings](#)

About the company

Asian Tea Company Pvt. Ltd (ATCPL), incorporated in 2011, and promoted by Kolkata based Garg and Agarwal family and part of the Asian Group, is engaged in tea blending and exporting the same. The tea export and blending business initially started in Asian Tea and Exports Ltd (ATEL; which holding 40% stake in ATCPL) which was incorporated in the year 1987, and later converted into a public limited company in 1994. However, currently, majority of tea blending and export business is being carried out in ATCPL. The company procures a major portion of tea (mainly North-Indian Tea) from tea auctions, and balance requirement is met from imports. It blends tea as per the quality requirements of the importers. ATCPL exports tea to countries like Kazakhstan, China, Russia, Iran and Vietnam.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	March 31, 2022 (A)	March 31, 2023 (A)
Total operating income	302.41	320.16
PBILDT	10.48	14.46
PAT	3.77	4.31
Overall gearing (times)	1.97	2.31
Interest coverage (times)	1.75	1.72

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

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

¹Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at 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 rated instrument / facility: Detailed explanation of 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-Working Capital Demand loan	-	-	-	-	16.00	CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - ST-EPC/PSC	-	-	-	-	22.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - ST-Foreign Bill Discounting	-	-	-	-	23.00	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 (₹ crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2024-2025	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
1	Fund-based - ST-EPC/PSC	ST	22.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	-	1)CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (30-Jan-23)	1)CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (03-Nov-21)
2	Fund-based - ST-Foreign Bill Discounting	ST	23.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	-	1)CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (30-Jan-23)	1)CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (03-Nov-21)
3	Fund-based - LT-Working Capital Demand loan	LT	16.00	CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	-	1)CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (30-Jan-23)	1)CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (03-Nov-21)

*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information; LT: Long term; ST: Short 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-Working Capital Demand loan	Simple
2	Fund-based - ST-EPC/PSC	Simple
3	Fund-based - ST-Foreign Bill Discounting	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.

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