

Essar Agrotech Limited

April 16, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	21.65	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category

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 27, 2023, placed the rating(s) of Essar Agrotech Limited (EAL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as EAL 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. EAL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated December 13, 2023, December 23, 2023, January 02, 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).

Analytical approach: Standalone

Outlook: Not Applicable

Detailed description of the key rating drivers:

Please refer to PR dated [January 27, 2023](#)

Applicable criteria

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

[Policy on default recognition](#)

About the company

EAL was incorporated in April 1993 and is engaged in farming of flowers, plants and vegetable and trading of milk. EAL has established the brand name of 'Indus Fresh Brand' for Dutch roses (13 different types of roses) and exotic vegetables. Currently EAL is producing roses, vegetables, mango, plants and plugs in five sites which include Lonavala, Kamshet, Ooty, Jategaon and Jamnagar.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	March 31, 2021 (A)	March 31, 2022 (A)
Total operating income	1.31	1.85
PBILDT	-3.59	-8.70
PAT	-9.68	-11.14
Overall gearing (times)	0.08	0.05
Interest coverage (times)	NM	NM

A: Audited NM: Not Meaningful; Note: 'the above results are latest financial results available'

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Acuite has continued the rating assigned to the bank facilities of EAL under Issuer Not Cooperating category vide press release dated April 05, 2023 on account of its inability to carry out a review in the absence of the requisite information from the company.

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 the covenants of the rated instruments/facilities is given in Annexure-3

Complexity level of various instruments rated for this company: Please refer 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		-	-	-	3.50	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan		-	-	May 2028	4.50	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan		-	-	December 2028	13.65	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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Annexure-2: Rating History of 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 - LT-Term Loan	LT	13.65	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (27-Jan-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (22-Nov-21)
2	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	3.50	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (27-Jan-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (22-Nov-21)
3	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	4.50	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (27-Jan-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (22-Nov-21)

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LT: Long term

Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of the 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
2	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	Simple

Annexure-5: Lender details

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

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: 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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