

Highland Exim Private Limited

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Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	6.83	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	0.40	CARE A4; 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 February 15, 2023, placed the rating(s) of Highland Exim Private Limited (HEPL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as HEPL 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. HEPL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated January 01, 2024, January 11, 2024, January 21, 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 HEPL 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 [February 15, 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

Highland Exim Private Limited (HEPL) was incorporated in 2008. The company belongs to MB Group of companies. The group is promoted by Mr. Naresh Kumar Bansal and it has various companies which are engaged in cultivation and processing of CTC tea business. The company has set up its tea processing plant and started processing and sale of tea from September, 2018 onwards. The processing plant of the company is located at Dulurchhat, Hansqua more, P.O. Bagdogra, Darjeeling, West Bengal. HEPL's annual requirement of green leaves is procured from local gardens. The company mainly sells its products in domestic market through auction, agents and private brokers.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	March 31, 2022 (A)	March 31, 2023 (A)
Total operating income	43.26	44.48
PBILDT	2.37	2.12
PAT	0.52	0.57
Overall gearing (times)	1.14	0.86
Interest coverage (times)	3.00	3.28

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

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

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-Cash Credit	-	-	-	-	4.80	CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	-	-	-	Mar. 2026	2.03	CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee	-	-	-	-	0.40	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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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 - LT-Term Loan	LT	2.03	CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	-	1)CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (15-Feb-23)	1)CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (17-Dec-21)
2	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	4.80	CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	-	1)CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (15-Feb-23)	1)CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (17-Dec-21)
3	Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee	ST	0.40	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (15-Feb-23)	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (17-Dec-21)

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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-Cash Credit	Simple
2	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	Simple
3	Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee	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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