

## Hardware Trading Corporation

June 14, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Short Term Bank Facilities	10.00	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 April 14, 2023, placed the rating(s) of Hardware Trading Corporation (HTC) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as HTC 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. HTC continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated February 28, 2024, March 09, 2024, March 19, 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 [April 14, 2023](#)

### Applicable criteria

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

### About the Firm

M/s. Hardware Trading Corporation (HTC) was originally established in the year 1978 as a partnership firm engaged in trading of bearing machines, later in 1991 the firm started trading of batteries i.e. UPS batteries and car batteries, further in 2003 the firm has also started trading of various types of chemicals i.e. industrial chemicals, specialty chemicals, polymers and pharma intermediaries which find application in the pharmaceutical, paints, plastic, synthetic fibers, inks, tyre and other similar industries. HTC generates its revenue entirely from the domestic market with income from trading of batteries and chemicals. HTC has registered office in Kolkata and operates from its controlling office and warehouses in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	March 31, 2020 (A)	March 31, 2021 (A)
Total operating income	54.34	80.53
PBILDT	2.19	3.31
PAT	2.04	2.94
Overall gearing (times)	0.00	0.00
Interest coverage (times)	23.56	10.84

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

<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

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:** CRISIL continues to categorize rating assigned to the bank facilities of HTC under non-cooperation category vide PR dated April 12, 2024 on account of its inability to carry out a rating surveillance in the absence of the requisite information from the Firm.

**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 Firm:** Please refer Annexure-4

**Lender details:** Please refer 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
Non-fund-based - ST-Letter of credit		-	-	-	10.00	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	Non-fund-based - ST-Letter of credit	ST	10.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (14-Apr-23)	-	1)CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (24-Mar-22)  2)CARE A4+ (06-Apr-21)

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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	Non-fund-based - ST-Letter of 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](mailto:care@careedge.in) for any clarifications.

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