

Popular Agro Products

June 18, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	6.00	CARE B-; Stable; 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 May 22, 2023, placed the rating(s) of Popular Agro Products (PAP) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as PAP 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. PAP continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated April 06, 2024, April 16, 2024, April 26, 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: Stable

Detailed description of the key rating drivers:

Please refer to PR dated [May 22, 2023](#)

Applicable criteria

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

[Policy on default recognition](#)

[Criteria on assigning outlook and credit watch](#)

About the firm

Popular Agro Products was established in March 12, 2007 with an objective to enter into the rice milling and processing business. The manufacturing unit of the entity is located at Bardhaman, West Bengal. The entity deals in Gobindo Vog Rice in brand name of Aisha, Lion King & Mughal Gold. The entity is procuring raw paddy from the local farmers and traders and sales its products through the agent and whole sellers. Apart from domestic sales, the entity also exports its products to Dubai which around 10-20% of its total sales.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	March 31, 2018 (A)	March 31, 2019 (A)
Total operating income	12.56	17.43
PBILDT	0.38	0.54
PAT	0.03	0.04
Overall gearing (times)	1.95	2.01
Interest coverage (times)	1.58	1.47

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

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

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

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-Cash Credit		-	-	-	5.50	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan		-	-	July 2026	0.50	CARE B-; Stable; 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-Cash Credit	LT	5.50	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (22-May-23)	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (16-May-22)	-
2	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	0.50	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (22-May-23)	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (16-May-22)	-

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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
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 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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