

Fox Cashew Industries

June 13, 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 April 10, 2023, placed the rating(s) of Fox Cashew Industries (FCI) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as FCI 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. FCI continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated February 24, 2024, March 05, 2024, March 15, 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 [April 10, 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 firm

Fox Cashew Industries (FCI) was established in the year 2009 as proprietorship firm by Mrs. Janet Pais. The firm is engaged in processing of raw cashew nut into cashew kernels with installed capacity of 4 tons per day at Valpady, Karnataka. The 3 Press Release process involves steam roasting, shell cutting, peeling and grading. The firm majorly procures raw material (raw cashew nuts) from African countries like Benin, Togo, Ivory Coast, and Tanzania etc. The firm imports 100% of the raw cashew nut (70% of total purchases) owing to better quality and relatively lower prices as compared to the domestic market. The firm is also engaged in trading of cashew kernels. The firm purchases the cashew kernels for trading from the local traders in Karnataka. The firm sells the cashew kernels to wholesalers in the state of Karnataka and Gujarat. The firm also generates income from sale of by-products cashew shells, cashew husk and rejections.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	March 31, 2018 (A)	March 31, 2019 (A)
Total operating income	26.30	19.19
PBILDT	1.15	1.13
PAT	0.38	0.35
Overall gearing (times)	5.45	3.97
Interest coverage (times)	1.95	1.86

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	-	-	-	-	6.00	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	6.00	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (10-Apr-23)	-	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (28-Jan-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

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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