

## Agarwal Duplex Board Mills Limited

June 10, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	11.51	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	2.99	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 May 13, 2024, placed the rating(s) of Agarwal Duplex Board Mills Limited (ADBML) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as ADBML 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. ADBML continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated June 04, 2024, June 05, 2024, June 07, 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 ADBML have been revised on account of non-availability of requisite information. The ratings also consider net loss reported along with deterioration in debt coverage indicators during FY24.

**Analytical approach:** Standalone

**Outlook:** Stable

### Detailed description of the key rating drivers:

Please refer to PR dated [May 13, 2024](#)

### Applicable criteria

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

[Policy on default recognition](#)

[Rating Outlook and Credit Watch](#)

### About the company

Agarwal Duplex Board Mills Limited (ADBML) [ISIN: INE290T01027], incorporated in 1984, is engaged in the business of manufacturing of Coated Duplex Board and Poster Paper. The company has its manufacturing facilities located at Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh with installed capacity of 57,600 metric tonne per annum (MTPA) as on March 31, 2020. ADBML primarily uses waste paper as raw material for the manufacturing of its products.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	March 31, 2022 (A)	March 31, 2023 (A)	March 31, 2024 (A)*
Total operating income	204.33	213.59	168.62
PBILDT	4.51	3.81	2.64
PAT	1.08	0.60	-0.12
Overall gearing (times)	0.36	0.35	0.48

<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

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	March 31, 2022 (A)	March 31, 2023 (A)	March 31, 2024 (A)*
Total operating income	204.33	213.59	168.62
Interest coverage (times)	4.42	3.75	2.60

A: Audited; \*Abridged; 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

**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		-	-	-	11.51	CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - ST- Others		-	-	-	0.49	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC		-	-	-	2.50	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-Cash Credit	LT	11.51	CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	1)CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (13-May-24)	-	1)CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (28-Feb-23)	1)CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (03-Dec-21)
2	Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	ST	2.50	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (13-May-24)	-	1)CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (28-Feb-23)	1)CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (03-Dec-21)
3	Fund-based - ST- Others	ST	0.49	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (13-May-24)	-	1)CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (28-Feb-23)	1)CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (03-Dec-21)

\*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information.

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 - ST-Others	Simple
3	Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	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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