

Saraswathi Timber

July 30, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	1.00	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Short Term Bank Facilities	6.75	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 June 12, 2023, placed the rating(s) of Saraswathi Timber (ST) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as ST had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating. ST continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated April 27, 2024, May 07, 2024, May 17, 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 [June 12, 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

Saraswathi Timber (ST) was established in the year 2017 as a partnership firm by Mr. H Rathanshi, Mr. R Ramesh and Mr. K Mainsh in Dindigul, Tamil Nadu. The firm is engaged in trading of timber. The firm imports 30% of its raw materials from New Zealand, South Africa, Russia and China and the remaining is procured from domestic market. It has customer base across the India. Majority of customer base for ST belongs to packaging and construction industry. All the partners look after the day to day operations of the firm.

Brief Financials (₹ crore)	March 31, 2018 (A)	March 31, 2019 (A)
Total operating income	0.70	10.35
PBILDT	0.05	0.43
PAT	0.00	0.19
Overall gearing (times)	2.22	3.03
Interest coverage (times)	1.00	2.79

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-Bank Overdraft		-	-	-	1.00	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - ST-Credit Exposure Limit		-	-	-	0.75	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - ST-ILC/FLC		-	-	-	6.00	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	Fund-based - LT-Bank Overdraft	LT	1.00	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	-	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (12-Jun-23)	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (26-May-22)	-
2	Non-fund-based - ST-Credit Exposure Limit	ST	0.75	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (12-Jun-23)	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (26-May-22)	-
3	Non-fund-based - ST-ILC/FLC	ST	6.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (12-Jun-23)	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (26-May-22)	-

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LT: Long term; ST: Short term

Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of the 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-Bank Overdraft	Simple
2	Non-fund-based - ST-Credit Exposure Limit	Simple
3	Non-fund-based - ST-ILC/FLC	Simple

Annexure-5: Lender details

To view the lender wise details of bank facilities please [click here](#)

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: 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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