

Wellcome Fisheries Limited

July 23, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	12.85	CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Short Term Bank Facilities	131.00	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 May 26, 2023, placed the rating(s) of Wellcome Fisheries Limited (WFL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as WFL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating. WFL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated April 10, 2024, April 20, 2024, April 30, 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 26, 2023](#)

Applicable criteria

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

[Policy on Default Recognition](#)

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

About the Company

Wellcome Fisheries Limited (WFL) was established on October 15, 1987 by Mr Moideen later in 1993 his son Mr K. Anandh joined the company as director. The company is engaged in the processing and export of shrimp and has its corporate base in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The processing unit of the company is located at Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh which is an aquaculture zone. The company has established healthy relationship with suppliers from West and East Godavari, ensuring steady and predictable supply of raw material throughout the year. WFL is one of the established companies in the US market for frozen shrimp where it supplies to wholesale traders and restaurants chains. WFL also exports to Europe, Southeast Asian countries and Middle East. The company initially started with export of Tiger shrimp however later started exporting Vanaamei shrimp under the brand name "King White" due to the shift of Indian shrimp farmers to Vannaamei shrimp. Currently Mr K. Anandh is actively managing the day-to-day activities of WFL along with his daughter Ms. Sowdha Lathifa.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	March 31, 2022 (A)	March 31, 2023 (A)
Total operating income	536.93	599.68
PBILDT	33.69	34.91
PAT	19.37	21.70
Overall gearing (times)	1.12	1.06
Interest coverage (times)	5.26	5.16

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

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: CRISIL has continued the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of WFL to the 'issuer not-cooperating' category vide press release dated June 28, 2023 on account of its inability to carryout review in the absence of requisite information from the company.

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

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating History for last three years: Please refer Annexure-2

Covenants of the rated instruments/facilities: Detailed explanation of the 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-Term Loan		-	-	August 2020	4.00	CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - ST-Bill Discounting/ Bills Purchasing		-	-	-	80.00	CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - ST-Packing Credit in Indian rupee		-	-	-	50.00	CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - LT-Bank Guarantee		-	-	-	8.85	CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - ST-Letter of credit		-	-	-	1.00	CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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Annexure-2: Rating history for the last three years

S r . N o .	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	1.00	CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-May-23)	1)CARE A3; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-Dec-22)	1)CARE A3 (06-Oct-21)
2	Non-fund-based - LT-Bank Guarantee	LT	8.85	CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-May-23)	1)CARE BBB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-Dec-22)	1)CARE BBB; Stable (06-Oct-21)
3	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	4.00	CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-May-23)	1)CARE BBB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-Dec-22)	1)CARE BBB; Stable (06-Oct-21)
4	Fund-based - ST-Bill Discounting/ Bills Purchasing	ST	80.00	CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-May-23)	1)CARE A3; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-Dec-22)	1)CARE A3 (06-Oct-21)
5	Fund-based - ST-Packing Credit in Indian rupee	ST	50.00	CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-May-23)	1)CARE A3; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-Dec-22)	1)CARE A3 (06-Oct-21)

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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-Term Loan	Simple
2	Fund-based - ST-Bill Discounting/ Bills Purchasing	Simple
3	Fund-based - ST-Packing Credit in Indian rupee	Simple
4	Non-fund-based - LT-Bank Guarantee	Simple
5	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 for any clarifications.

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