

Pacific Jute Limited

August 12, 2024

| Facilities/Instruments | Amount (₹ crore) | Rating ¹ | Rating Action |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Long Term Bank Facilities | 3.40 | 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 | 16.60 | 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 09, 2023, placed the rating(s) of Pacific Jute Limited (PJL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as PJL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating. PJL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated April 24, 2024, May 04, 2024, May 14, 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 PJL have been revised on account of non-availability of requisite information. The revision also factored decline in profitability and debt coverage indicators and increase in debt levels in FY23.

Analytical approach: Standalone

Outlook: Stable

Detailed description of the key rating drivers:

Please refer to PR dated June 09, 2023

Applicable criteria

<u>CARE Ratings' criteria on information adequacy risk and issuer non-cooperation</u> <u>Policy on default recognition</u> <u>Criteria on Assigning 'Outlook' or 'Rating Watch' to Credit Ratings</u>

About the company

Pacific Jute Limited (PJL) was incorporated in November 1991. Since its inception, the company has been engaged in manufacturing of jute products. The manufacturing facility of the company is located in Falta SEZ, West Bengal with an installed capacity of 7800 metric tons per annum. PJL is a 100% export-oriented unit and the major export destinations of the company are USA, Canada, Australia, and Middle East countries. In the year 2018-19, PJL was placed in the top 10 export-oriented units situated in FALTA SEZ by the commissioner of SEZ. PJL imports its major raw material i.e. jute yarn and hessian from Bangladesh.

| Brief Financials (Rs. crore) | March 31, 2022 (A) | March 31, 2023 (A) |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total operating income | 90.88 | 100.58 |
| PBILDT | 7.05 | 5.75 |
| PAT | 2.79 | 2.10 |
| Overall gearing (times) | 0.96 | 1.23 |
| Interest coverage (times) | 4.68 | 3.80 |

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

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



Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: India Ratings has continued the rating assigned to the bank facilities of PJL into ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category vide press release dated December 27, 2023 on account of its inability to carry out a review in the absence of requisite information from the company.

CRISIL has continued the rating assigned to the bank facilities of PJL into ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category vide press release dated November 22, 2023 on account of its inability to carry out a review in the absence of requisite information from the company.

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- | | _ | _ | _ | 3.40 | CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER |
| Term Loan^ | | - | - | - | 5.40 | NOT COOPERATING* |
| Fund-based - ST- | | | | | 14.00 | CARE A4; ISSUER NOT |
| PC/Bill Discounting | | - | - | - | 14.00 | COOPERATING* |
| Non-fund-based - | | _ | | | 2.60 | CARE A4; ISSUER NOT |
| ST-Letter of credit | er of credit | | - | - | 2.00 | COOPERATING* |

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



Annexure-2: Rating history for the last three years

| | | Current Ratings | | | | Rating History | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sr. No | Name of the Instrument/Ba nk Facilities | Typ e | Amount Outstandin g (₹ 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 - ST- PC/Bill Discounting | ST | 14.00 | CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* | - | 1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (09-Jun-23) | 1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (12-May- 22) | - |
| 2 | Fund-based - LT- Term Loan | LT | 3.40 | CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* | - | 1)CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (09-Jun-23) | 1)CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (12-May- 22) | - |
| 3 | Non-fund-based - ST-Letter of credit | ST | 2.60 | CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* | - | 1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (09-Jun-23) | 1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (12-May- 22) | - |

*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-Term Loan | Simple |
| 2 | Fund-based - ST-PC/Bill Discounting | Simple |
| 3 | 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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