

# **B. S. Transport Company**

August 13, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	8.77	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Short Term Bank Facilities	0.30	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

## Rationale and key rating drivers

CARE Ratings Ltd. had, vide its press release dated July 10, 2023, placed the rating(s) of B. S. Transport Company (BSTC) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as BSTC had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating. BSTC continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated May 25, 2024, June 04, 2024, June 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).

Analytical approach: Standalone

Outlook: Stable

## **Detailed description of the key rating drivers:**

Please refer to PR dated July 10, 2023

## Applicable criteria

<u>CARE Ratings' criteria on information adequacy risk and issuer non-cooperation</u> Policy on Default Recognition

Criteria on Assigning 'Outlook' or 'Rating Watch' to Credit Ratings

# **About the firm**

Howrah (West Bengal) based, B. S. Transport Company (BSTC) was constituted as a partnership firm on June 11, 2011. The firm is an associate concern of Gujral Group of companies. The group is promoted by Mr. Bhupinder Singh Gujral and engaged in transportation of LPG tankers for the major oil companies such as Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and hotel and restaurant business. The group is having 975 LPG tankers and the loading point is Haldia, West Bengal. Currently BSTC is manage d by three partners namely, Mr. Bhupinder Singh Gujral, Mrs. Simran Gujral and Mr. Debasish Santra. Since its inception, the firm is engaged in transportation of LPG tankers. The firm participates in tenders floated by various oil companies and executes orders mainly for BPCL, IOCL and HPCL. Currently the firm has work orders from BPCL, IOCL and HPCL for transportation bulk LPG by road for three and a half year ended April 2022.

<b>Brief Financials (Rs. crore)</b>	March 31, 2017 (A)	March 31, 2018 (A)
Total operating income	9.32	9.16
PBILDT	3.24	2.66
PAT	0.44	0.35
Overall gearing (times)	6.47	8.66
Interest coverage (times)	3.59	3.66

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

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:** India ratings has continued the rating assigned to the bank facilities of BSTC into ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category vide press release dated September 12, 2023 on account of its inability to carry out a review in the absence of requisite information from the firm.

<sup>\*</sup>Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at <a href="https://www.careedge.in">www.careedge.in</a> and other CARE Ratings Ltd.'s publications



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	-	-	-	-	7.28	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT- Term Loan	-	-	-	March 2021	1.49	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee	-	-	-	-	0.30	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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Annexure-2: Rating history for the last three years

		Current Ratings			Rating History			
Sr. No	Name of the Instrument/ Bank Facilities	Туре	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- Term Loan	LT	1.49	CARE B- ; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPER ATING*	-	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (10-Jul-23)	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (24-Jun-22)	1)CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (05-Apr-21)
2	Fund-based - LT- Bank Overdraft	LT	7.28	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPER ATING*	-	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (10-Jul-23)	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (24-Jun-22)	1)CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (05-Apr-21)
3	Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee	ST	0.30	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPER ATING*	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (10-Jul-23)	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (24-Jun-22)	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (05-Apr-21)

<sup>\*</sup>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-Bank Overdraft	Simple
2	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	Simple
3	Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee	Simple

## Annexure-5: Lender details

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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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