

The Ananda Bag Tea Company Limited

August 27, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	8.20	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Short Term Bank Facilities	6.80	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 February 16, 2024, placed the rating(s) of The Ananda Bag Tea Company Limited (TABTCL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as TABTCL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating. TABTCL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated August 23, 2024, August 24, 2024 and August 26, 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 [February 16, 2024](#)

Applicable criteria

[CARE Ratings' criteria on information adequacy risk and issuer non-cooperation](#)
[Policy on default recognition](#)

[Criteria on Assigning 'Outlook' or 'Rating Watch' to Credit Ratings](#)

About the company

TABTCL (ISIN Number: INE448E01015) was incorporated during 1920 by one Chokhani family in Kolkata for setting up a black tea manufacturing and trading business. The company has a tea garden in Tinsukia, Assam, namely Ananda Bag Tea Estate which spread over 300 hectares of land and a tea manufacturing unit with installed capacity of 10,00,000 kgs per annum. Furthermore, the company has a blending and packaging unit near Kolkata. The company manufactures CTC tea and Orthodox tea and markets its products under various brand names like Top Tee Gold, Golden Sipp, Top Tee Premium etc. This apart, the company exports tea to the countries like China, Sri Lanka, Jordan, European Countries and Middle East Countries.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	March 31, 2023 (A)	March 31, 2024 (A)	Q1FY25 (UA)
Total operating income	18.19	9.88	3.10
PBILDT	-0.16	-3.71	1.12
PAT	-1.57	-5.50	0.50
Overall gearing (times)	0.84	1.59	0.00
Interest coverage (times)	NM	NM	2.49

A: Audited; NM – Not meaningful, UA: Unaudited; Note: 'the above results are latest financial results available'

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Acuite (SMERA) has continued the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of TABTCL to the 'issuer non-cooperation category vide a press release dated December 04, 2023 on account of its inability to review in the absence of the requisite information from the company.

CRISIL has continued the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of TABTCL to the 'issuer non-cooperation category vide a press release dated March 08, 2024 on account of its inability to review in the absence of the 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 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		-	-	-	8.20	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - ST-FBN / FBP		-	-	-	4.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - ST-Packing Credit in Indian rupee		-	-	-	0.80	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee		-	-	-	2.00	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-Cash Credit	LT	8.20	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (16-Feb-24) 2)CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-May-23)	-	1)CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (14-Mar-22)
2	Fund-based - ST-Packing Credit in Indian rupee	ST	0.80	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (16-Feb-24) 2)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-May-23)	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (14-Mar-22)

3	Fund-based - ST-FBN / FBP	ST	4.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (16-Feb-24) 2)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-May-23)	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (14-Mar-22)
4	Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee	ST	2.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (16-Feb-24) 2)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-May-23)	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (14-Mar-22)

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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-Cash Credit	Simple
2	Fund-based - ST-FBN / FBP	Simple
3	Fund-based - ST-Packing Credit in Indian rupee	Simple
4	Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee	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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