

### **Buds Tea Industries Limited**

October 11, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	20.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Long Term / Short Term Bank Facilities	2.00	CARE D / CARE D; 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 August 04, 2023, placed the rating(s) of Buds Tea Industries Limited (BTIL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as BTIL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. BTIL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through emails dated June 19, 2024, June 29, 2024, July 09, 2024 among others.

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: Not applicable

# Detailed description of the key rating drivers:

Please refer to PR dated August 04, 2023

### Applicable criteria

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

### About the company

Buds Tea Industries Limited (BTIL), incorporated in 2013, is engaged in processing (4,500 tpa) and sale of tea. For this it has a bought leaf factory in Jalpaiguri, West Bengal. The operations of BTIL are managed by directors and brothers Mr. Gopal Poddar, Mr. Shankar Poddar and Mr Subhash Poddar. BTIL is a part of the Limtex Group of Industries which is promoted by Kolkata based Poddar family which is mainly into tea industry.

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:** ICRA has continued the rating assigned to the bank facilities of BTIL into ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category vide press release dated September 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 BTIL into ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category vide press release dated April 11, 2024 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

<sup>1</sup>Complete definition of ratings assigned are available at <a href="www.careedge.in">www.careedge.in</a> and other CARE Ratings Limited's publications.

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



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 and Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	-	-	-	-	20.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantee	-	-	-	-	2.00	CARE D / CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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**Annexure-2: Rating history for 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- Cash Credit	LT	20.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPER ATING*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (04-Aug-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (29-Jul-22)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (31-May-21)
2	Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantee	LT/ST	2.00	CARE D / CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPER ATING*	-	1)CARE D / CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (04-Aug-23)	1)CARE D / CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (29-Jul-22)	1)CARE D / CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (31-May-21)

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LT: Long term; LT/ST: Long term/Short term

# Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of covenants of rated instruments/facilities: Not applicable

**Annexure-4: Complexity level of instruments rated** 

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument	Complexity Level		
1	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	Simple		
2	Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantee	Simple		

## **Annexure-5: Lender details**

To view the lender wise details of bank facilities please <u>click here</u>

**Note on complexity levels of rated instruments:** CARE Ratings has classified instruments rated by it based on complexity. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careedge.in for clarifications.

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