

CEC Flavours And Fragrances Private Limited

November 25, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	25.00	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Short Term Bank Facilities	0.95	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 November 01, 2023, placed the rating(s) of CEC Flavours And Fragrances Private Limited (CFFPL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as CFFPL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. CFFPL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails dated September 16, 2024, September 26, 2024, October 06, 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: Stable

Detailed description of the key rating drivers:

Please refer to PR dated [November 01, 2023](#)

Applicable criteria

[Policy on Default Recognition](#)

[Policy in respect of non-cooperation by issuers](#)

[Rating Outlook and Rating Watch](#)

About the company

Ponpady (Tamil Nadu) based, CEC Flavours and Fragrances Private Limited (CFFPL) was established as a family business in the year 1946 by Mr A Apparao. CFFPL is engaged in the business of manufacturing and trading of flavours, fragrance and seasonings and sold under the brand name 'Cat Brand'. The flavours and seasonings which are manufactured are used by the FMCG players in bakery confectionery, beverages, dairy products, pharmaceuticals and animal feed while the manufactured fragrances are used in detergent powder, floor cleaner, shampoo, dish wash etc

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: CRISIL has continued the rating assigned to the bank facilities of CFFPL into Issuer Not Cooperating category vide press release dated October 30, 2023 on account of its inability to carry out a review in the absence of requisite information.

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating history for last three years: Annexure-2

Covenants of rated instrument / facility: Annexure-3

Complexity level of various instruments rated: Annexure-4

Lender details: Annexure-5

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

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		-	-	-	5.00	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan (Proposed)		-	-	-	20.00	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee		-	-	-	0.75	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - ST-Letter of credit		-	-	-	0.20	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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Annexure-2: Rating history for 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-Term Loan	LT	20.00	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (01-Nov-23)	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (22-Sep-22)	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (22-Jul-21)
2	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	5.00	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (01-Nov-23)	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (22-Sep-22)	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (22-Jul-21)
3	Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee	ST	0.75	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (01-Nov-23)	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (22-Sep-22)	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (22-Jul-21)
4	Non-fund-based - ST-Letter of credit	ST	0.20	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (01-Nov-23)	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (22-Sep-22)	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (22-Jul-21)

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LT: Long term; ST: 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	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	Simple
3	Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee	Simple
4	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 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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