

Cooch Behar Tea Company Limited

January 23, 2025

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	10.05	CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category and Downgraded from CARE BB-; Stable
Short Term Bank Facilities	0.60	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 December 19, 2023, placed the rating(s) of Cooch Behar Tea Company Limited (CBTCL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as CBTCL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. CBTCL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails dated November 03, 2024, November 13, 2024, November 23, 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).

The ratings assigned to the bank facilities of CBTCL have been revised on account of non-availability of requisite information.

Analytical approach: Standalone

Outlook: Stable

Detailed description of the key rating drivers:

Please refer to PR dated [December 19, 2023](#)

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

Cooch Behar Tea Company Limited (CBTCL) was incorporated during 1992 and promoted by Mr. Shyam Sundar Agarwal. The company is engaged in cultivation of green tea and blending of black tea. The company has a blending and processing unit at Jalpaiguri, West Bengal.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

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		-	-	-	6.90	CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan		-	-	August 2025	3.15	CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee		-	-	-	0.60	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	3.15	CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (19-Dec-23)	1)CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (19-Oct-22)	1)CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-Aug-21)
2	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	6.90	CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE BB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (19-Dec-23)	1)CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (19-Oct-22)	1)CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-Aug-21)
3	Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee	ST	0.60	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (19-Dec-23)	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (19-Oct-22)	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (26-Aug-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

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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