

Saraswati Trading Company

January 13, 2025

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	4.50	CARE B-; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Long Term / Short Term Bank Facilities	1.50	CARE B- / 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 January 09, 2024, placed the rating(s) of Saraswati Trading Company (STC) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as STC had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. STC continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails dated November 24, 2024, December 04, 2024 and December 14, 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 January 09, 2024

Applicable criteria

CARE Rating's criteria on information adequacy risk and issuer non-cooperation Policy on Default Recognition

About the Firm

Karnal-based STC was initially established as a proprietorship concern by Mr. Rajesh Khanna in April 1992, and started its commercial production in September 1992. The constitution was further changed to partnership in September, 2010 and other members of the Khanna family joined as the partners in the firm. The firm is engaged in the trading and processing of rice.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: India Ratings has continued the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of STC into 'Issuer not-cooperating' category vide press release dated July 14, 2024 on account of non-availability of requisite information from the Firm.

BRICKWORK has continued the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of STC into 'Issuer not-cooperating' category vide press release dated April 15, 2024 on account of non-availability of requisite information from the Firm.

ACUITE has continued the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of STC into 'Issuer not-cooperating' category vide press release dated June 12, 2024 on account of non-availability of requisite information from the Firm.

CRISIL has continued the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of STC into 'Issuer not-cooperating' category vide press release dated September 30, 2024 on account of non-availability of requisite information from the Firm.

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating history for last three years: Annexure-2

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^{*}Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information.

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



Covenants of rated instrument / facility: 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 and Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit		-	-	-	4.50	CARE B-; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT/ ST- CC/Packing Credit		-	-	-	1.50	CARE B- / CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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Annexure-2: Rating history for last three years

	Name of the Instrument/ Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating History			
Sr. No		Ty pe	Amount Outstandi ng (₹ 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	4.50	CARE B-; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G*	-	1)CARE B-; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (09-Jan-24)	1)CARE B-; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (25-Nov-22)	1)CARE B-; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (25-Oct-21)
2	Fund-based - LT/ ST-CC/Packing Credit	LT/ ST	1.50	CARE B- / CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G*	-	1)CARE B- / CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (09-Jan-24)	1)CARE B- / CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (25-Nov-22)	1)CARE B- / CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (25-Oct-21)

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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/ ST-CC/Packing 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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LT: Long term; LT/ST: Long term/Short term.



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