

The Belgachi Tea Co. Limited

February 10, 2025

| Facilities/Instruments | Amount (₹ crore) | Rating ¹ | Rating Action | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Long Term Bank Facilities | 9.90 | CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* | Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category | | |
| Short Term Bank Facilities | rt Term Bank Facilities 0.58 | | 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 04, 2024, placed the rating(s) of The Belgachi Tea Co. Limited (TBTCL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as TBTCL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. TBTCL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails dated November 19, 2024, November 29, 2024, December 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: Stable

Detailed description of the key rating drivers:

Please refer to PR dated January 04, 2024

Applicable criteria

CARE Ratings' Criteria on Information Adequacy Risk and Issuer Non-Cooperation

CARE Ratings' Policy on Default Recognition

Criteria on Assigning Vivillosk' or Victoria Watch' to Credit Ratings

Criteria on Assigning 'Outlook' or 'Rating Watch' to Credit Ratings

About the company

The Belgachi Tea Company Limited (TBTCL) was incorporated in 1921 by Shri Musaddilal Dalmia, Shri Mathuraprasad Saroff and Shri Makhanlal Saroff of West Bengal for cultivating and processing of black tea. Over the years, there was multiple change of hands, the company, in 2011, was acquired by the present promoter, Shri Apurba Guha, Shri Amit Agarwal, Shri Vivek Agarwal and Shri Ankit Agarwal. The revamped unit commenced operation from April, 2011 with processing capacity of 5 Lakh Kg per annum. Currently, TBTCL owns one tea estate named The Belgachi Tea Estate in Darjeeling, West Bengal and its tea processing facility is located near the tea estate.

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

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

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- | | | - | - | 2.50 | CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER |
| Cash Credit | | - | | | | NOT COOPERATING* |
| Fund-based - LT- | | | - | June 2022 | 7.40 | CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER |
| Term Loan | | - | | | | NOT COOPERATING* |
| Non-fund-based - | | | - | - | 0.58 | CARE A4; ISSUER NOT |
| ST-Bank Guarantee | | - | | | | COOPERATING* |

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Annexure-2: Rating history for last three years

| | | Current Ratings | | | Rating History | | | |
|-----------|---|-----------------|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| Sr. No | Name of the Instrument/Ba nk Facilities | Typ e | 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- Term Loan | LT | 7.40 | CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* | - | 1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (04-Jan-24) | 1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (18-Nov-22) | 1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (01-Sep-21) |
| 2 | Fund-based - LT- Cash Credit | LT | 2.50 | CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* | - | 1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (04-Jan-24) | 1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (18-Nov-22) | 1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (01-Sep-21) |
| 3 | Non-fund-based - ST-Bank Guarantee | ST | 0.58 | CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G* | - | 1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (04-Jan-24) | 1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (18-Nov-22) | 1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (01-Sep-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-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 <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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LT: Long term; ST: Short term



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