

## Mahestala Agro Foods Private Limited

April 15, 2025

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	17.30	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category and Downgraded from CARE B; Stable

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 March 12, 2024, placed the rating(s) of Mahestala Agro Foods Private Limited (MAFPL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as MAFPL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. MAFPL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails dated January 26, 2025, February 05, 2025, February 15, 2025 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 MAFPL 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 [March 12, 2024](#)

### Applicable criteria

[Policy in respect of Non-cooperation by Issuer](#)

[Policy on Default Recognition](#)

[Criteria on Assigning 'Outlook' and credit watch](#)

### About the company

Kolkata-based, Mahestala Agro Foods Private Limited (MAFPL) incorporated in April, 2009, was promoted by the Kundu family of Kolkata, West Bengal with Mr. Nityananda Kundu being the main promoter. MAFPL is engaged in the trading activities of agro based food products like rice, wheat, sugar, salt, edible oil etc. MAFPL has entered into an authorized license agreement since March, 2013 with West Bengal Public Distribution System (WBPDS) under Government of West Bengal whereby MAFPL receives orders for supply of food items like rice, wheat, sugar, salt etc. to WBPDS and the company sells edible oil to local customers. This apart, the company is also engaged in retailing of silver, gold, platinum and diamond jewellery under a franchise agreement with Titan Industries Limited under the brand name "Tanishq". MAFPL has two showrooms under this agreement, located at Barasat, and Behala in Kolkata, West Bengal. The franchise agreement with Titan Industries Limited for Barasat and Behala showrooms are valid for a period of nine years ending in May 2022 and March 2026 respectively.

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:** CRISIL has continued the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of MAFPL to 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category vide press release dated January 16, 2025 on account of its inability to carry out a review in the absence of the requisite information from the company.

**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

<sup>1</sup>Complete definition of ratings assigned are available at [www.careedge.in](http://www.careedge.in) and other CARE Ratings Limited's publications.

**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		-	-	-	17.30	CARE B-; Stable; 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 2025-2026	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
1	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	17.30	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	-	-	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (12-Mar-24)	1)CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (04-Jan-23)

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LT: Long 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

**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](mailto:care@careedge.in) for clarifications.

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