

Kerala Balers Private Limited

April 23, 2025

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term / Short Term Bank Facilities	12.00	CARE B; Stable / CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category and LT rating downgraded from CARE B+; Stable and ST rating reaffirmed
Short Term Bank Facilities	12.00	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 April 08, 2024, placed the rating(s) of Kerala Balers Private Limited (KBPL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as KBPL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. KBPL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails dated February 22, 2025, March 04, 2025 and March 14, 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 KBPL 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 [April 08, 2024](#)

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

Kerala Balers Private Limited (KBPL) is the flagship company of the Karan Group which has interests in manufacture of coir mats, mattings, rugs, sisal, and jute and sea grass. KBPL was established in 1948 with the objective of spinning coir yarn. The other two companies in the group are The Alleppey Company Limited and William Goodacre & Sons India Ltd are also in the same line of business. The raw material, coir, is purchased from dealers, who in turn procure it from local farmers. The finished products are sold predominantly in export market such as North America and Western Europe.

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

¹Complete definition of ratings assigned are available at 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/ ST-EPC/PSC		-	-	-	12.00	CARE B; Stable / CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - ST-Foreign Bill Discounting		-	-	-	10.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - ST-Standby Line of Credit		-	-	-	2.00	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 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/ ST-EPC/PSC	LT/ST	12.00	CARE B; Stable / CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE B+; Stable / CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (08-Apr-24)	-	1)CARE B+; Stable / CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (24-Jan-23)
2	Fund-based - ST-Foreign Bill Discounting	ST	10.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (08-Apr-24)	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (24-Jan-23)
3	Fund-based - ST-Standby Line of Credit	ST	2.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (08-Apr-24)	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (24-Jan-23)

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ST: Short term; LT/ST: Long term/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/ ST-EPC/PSC	Simple
2	Fund-based - ST-Foreign Bill Discounting	Simple
3	Fund-based - ST-Standby Line of Credit	Simple

Annexure-5: Lender details

To view the lender wise details of bank facilities please [click here](#)

Note on the complexity levels of the rated instruments: CARE Ratings has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careedge.in for any clarifications.

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