

Asian Tea Company Private Limited

April 30, 2025

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	16.00	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	45.00	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 10, 2024, placed the rating(s) of Asian Tea Company Private Limited (ATCPL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as ATCPL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. ATCPL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails dated February 24, 2025, March 06, 2025, March 16, 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 ATCPL 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 10, 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

Asian Tea Company Pvt. Ltd (ATCPL), incorporated in 2011, and promoted by Kolkata based Garg and Agarwal family and part of the Asian Group, is engaged in tea blending and exporting the same. The tea export and blending business initially started in Asian Tea and Exports Ltd (ATEL; which holding 40% stake in ATCPL) which was incorporated in the year 1987, and later converted into a public limited company in 1994. However, currently, majority of tea blending and export business is being carried out in ATCPL. The company procures a major portion of tea (mainly North-Indian Tea) from tea auctions, and balance requirement is met from imports. It blends tea as per the quality requirements of the importers. ATCPL exports tea to countries like Kazakhstan, China, Russia, Iran and Vietnam.

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-Working Capital Demand loan		-	-	-	16.00	CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - ST-EPC/PSC		-	-	-	22.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - ST-Foreign Bill Discounting		-	-	-	23.00	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 - ST-EPC/PSC	ST	22.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (10-Apr-24)	-	1)CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (30-Jan-23)
2	Fund-based - ST-Foreign Bill Discounting	ST	23.00	CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	-	1)CARE A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (10-Apr-24)	-	1)CARE A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (30-Jan-23)
3	Fund-based - LT-Working Capital Demand loan	LT	16.00	CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	-	1)CARE BB; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (10-Apr-24)	-	1)CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (30-Jan-23)

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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-Working Capital Demand loan	Simple
2	Fund-based - ST-EPC/PSC	Simple
3	Fund-based - ST-Foreign Bill Discounting	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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