

## **West Coast Frozen Foods Private Limited**

May 06, 2025

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	5.75	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Short Term Bank Facilities	106.25	CARE D; 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 May 02, 2024, placed the rating(s) of West Coast Frozen Foods Private Limited (WCFFPL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as WCFFPL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. WCFFPL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails dated March 18, 2025, March 28, 2025 and April 07, 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).

**Analytical approach:** Standalone

Outlook: Not Applicable

# **Detailed description of the key rating drivers:**

Please refer to PR dated May 02, 2024

## **Applicable criteria**

<u>CARE Ratings' criteria on information adequacy risk and issuer non-cooperation</u>
<u>Policy on Default Recognition</u>

# **About the company**

West Coast Frozen Foods processes and exports shrimps, predominantly the Black tiger and Vannamei variety. The company's hatchery, located in Diu, has a production capacity of approximately 120 million larvae. The company's prawn farms are spread across 400 acres of land in the coastal region of Gujarat. The company is part of West Coast Group (WCG) promoted by Mr. Kamlesh Gupta, an integrated aquaculture enterprise operating in the West Coast of India and in the Gulf of Cambay in Gujarat State. The Group is engaged in the business of prawn hatching, farming, processing, freezing, trading and exporting of prawns, distribution of frozen food products, trading/distribution of aquatic feed and feed supplement products and running quick service restaurants to serve seafood products.

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information.



**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		-	-	-	5.75	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - ST-EPC/PSC		-	-	-	105.50	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund- based - ST- BG/LC		-	-	-	0.75	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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Annexure-2: Rating history for last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Ban k Facilities	Current Ratings		Rating History				
		Typ e	Amount Outstandi ng (₹ 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	5.75	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (02-May-24)	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (10-Feb-23)
2	Fund-based - ST- EPC/PSC	ST	105.50	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (02-May-24)	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (10-Feb-23)
3	Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	ST	0.75	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATIN G*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (02-May-24)	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG* (10-Feb-23)

<sup>\*</sup>Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information. 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-Cash Credit	Simple
2	Fund-based - ST-EPC/PSC	Simple
3	Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	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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