

## Buds Tea Industries Limited

October 31, 2025

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	20.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Long Term / Short Term Bank Facilities	2.00	CARE D / CARE D; 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 Limited (CareEdge Ratings) had, vide its press release dated October 11, 2024, placed the rating(s) of Buds Tea Industries Limited (BTIL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as BTIL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. BTIL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails dated August 27, 2025, September 06, 2025, September 16, 2025 among others.

In line with the extant SEBI guidelines, CareEdge Ratings has reviewed the rating on the basis of the best available information which however, in CareEdge Ratings' 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 [October 11, 2024](#)

### Applicable criteria

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

[Policy on Default Recognition](#)

### About the company

Buds Tea Industries Limited (BTIL), incorporated in 2013, is engaged in processing (4,500 tpa) and sale of tea. For this it has a bought leaf factory in Jalpaiguri, West Bengal. The operations of BTIL are managed by directors and brothers Mr. Gopal Poddar, Mr. Shankar Poddar and Mr Subhash Poddar. BTIL is a part of the Limtex Group of Industries which is promoted by Kolkata based Poddar family which is mainly into tea industry.

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:** ICRA has continued the rating assigned to the bank facilities of BTIL into ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category vide press release dated November 25, 2024 on account of its inability to carry out a review in the absence of requisite information from the company.

CRISIL has continued the rating assigned to the bank facilities of BTIL into ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category vide press release dated June 25, 2025 on account of its inability to carry out a review in the absence of 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

**Lender details:** Annexure-5

<sup>1</sup>Complete definition of ratings assigned are available at [www.careratings.com](http://www.careratings.com) 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-Cash Credit		-	-	-	20.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - LT/ST-Bank Guarantee		-	-	-	2.00	CARE D / CARE D; 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	20.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (11-Oct-24)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (04-Aug-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (29-Jul-22)
2	Non-fund-based - LT/ST-Bank Guarantee	LT/ST	2.00	CARE D / CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE D / CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (11-Oct-24)	1)CARE D / CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (04-Aug-23)	1)CARE D / CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (29-Jul-22)

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LT: Long 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-Cash Credit	Simple
2	Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantee	Simple

**Annexure-5: Lender details**

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

**Note on complexity levels of rated instruments:** CareEdge 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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