

Octopus Papers Limited

October 21, 2022

Ratings

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (Rs crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	8.88	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Single D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Total Bank Facilities	8.88 (Rs Eight Crore and Eighty-Eight Lakhs Only)		

**Issuer did not cooperate; Based on best available information*

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

CARE Ratings Ltd. had, vide its press release dated August 24, 2021, placed the rating(s) of Octopus Papers Limited (OPL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as OPL had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating and had not paid the surveillance fees for the rating exercise as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. OPL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated July 10, 2022, July 20, 2022, July 30, 2022.

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).

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

Please refer to PR dated [August 24, 2021](#)

Analytical approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria

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

[Policy on default recognition](#)

About the Company

OPL was initially incorporated as Octopus Paper Private Limited on March 19, 2007 by Mr. Bharat Khara, Mr. Vishal Khara and Mrs. Jyoti Khara. Subsequently, during August 2015, it rechristened itself to OPL. OPL is engaged into manufacturing and trading of notebooks; copier papers and paper related office stationery and also does Offset Printing. OPL sells its products in four different categories i.e. school stationery products (includes long book, note book, jumbo book A4 long book, drawing book and graph book), office stationery products (registers, cash memo, copier papers and pocket memo), other paper products and offset printing. The manufacturing plant of the company is located at Vapi G.I.D.C. All the business activities are done under the brand name "Octopus". OPL markets its products into three different categories i.e. Industrial (all industries), Domestic (schools and offices) and Customers Base (wholesalers and retailers). OPL has diversified product portfolio as it supplies its products to various clients such as banking sectors, government and semi government bodies, corporate sectors, education sector and retail. OPL has a group entity namely Octopus Printers Private Limited which is also into similar line of business, however from March 2015, Octopus Printers Private Limited was merged with OPL through slump sale and all the assets and liabilities of Octopus Printers Private Limited were merged into Octopus Papers Private Limited.

¹Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at www.careedge.in and other CARE Ratings Ltd.'s publications

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY20 (A)	FY21 (A)	FY22 (Prov.)	H1FY23 (Prov.)
Total operating income	NA	NA	NA	NA
PBILDT	NA	NA	NA	NA
PAT	NA	NA	NA	NA
Overall gearing (times)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Interest coverage (times)	NA	NA	NA	NA

A: Audited; Prov.: Provisional; NA: Not Available

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating History for last three years: Please refer Annexure-2

Covenants of rated instrument/facility: Annexure-3

Complexity level of various instruments rated for this company: Annexure-4

Annexure-1: Details of Instruments/Facilities

Name of the Instrument	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs crore)	Rating Assigned along with Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit		-	-	-	0.50	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan		-	-	February, 2022	8.38	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/ Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating History			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (Rs crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2022-2023	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2021-2022	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2020-2021	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2019-2020
1	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	8.38	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (24-Aug-21)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (21-Jul-20)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (11-Jul-19)
2	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	0.50	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (24-Aug-21)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (21-Jul-20)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (11-Jul-19)

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Annexure 3: Detailed explanation of the covenants of the rated instruments/facilities: Not Applicable

Annexure 4: Complexity level of various instruments rated for this company

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument	Complexity Level
1	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	Simple
2	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	Simple

Annexure 5: Bank Lender Details for this company

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

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: CARE 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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