

## Luhit Tea Company Private Limited

December 23, 2021

### Ratings

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	17.90	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Single B Minus; Outlook: Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
<b>Total Bank Facilities</b>	<b>17.90</b> <b>(Rs. Seventeen Crore and Ninety Lakhs Only)</b>		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

### Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

CARE had, vide its press release dated December 08, 2020, placed the rating(s) of Luhit Tea Company Private Limited (LTCPL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as LTCPL 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. LTCPL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated October 24, 2021, November 03, 2021, November 13, 2021.

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 [December 08, 2020](#)

**Analytical approach:** Standalone

### Applicable Criteria

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

[Policy on default recognition](#)

[Criteria on assigning outlook and credit watch](#)

### About the Company

Luhit Tea Company Private Limited (LTCPL) was incorporated in August, 1997 by Assam based Somani family. Since its incorporation the company is engaged in the business of processing of black tea at Dhulia Gaon, Golaghat, Assam. The company sells tea in auction and through brokers. The company is currently engaged in blending of tea in its existing location. Mr. Hiralal Somani having around five decades of experience in the tea industry looks after the day to day operations of the company. He is supported by other director Mr. Manoj Somani and Mr. Binod Somani and a team of experienced professionals.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	31-03-2020 (A)	31-03-2021(A)	H1FY22 (Prov.)
Total operating income	19.28	NA	NA
PBILDT	4.23	NA	NA
PAT	0.10	NA	NA
Overall gearing (times)	6.82	NA	NA
Interest coverage (times)	2.11	NA	NA

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

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:** Not Available

**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

<sup>1</sup>Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at [www.careedge.in](http://www.careedge.in) and other CARE Ratings Ltd.'s publications

**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-Term Loan		-	-	January 2027	12.00	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit		-	-	-	3.00	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan		-	-	March 2029	2.90	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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

**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) & Rating(s) assigned in 2021-2022	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2020-2021	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-2020	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-2019
1	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	12.00	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (08-Dec-20)	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (19-Sep-19)	1)CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (21-Jan-19)
2	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	3.00	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (08-Dec-20)	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (19-Sep-19)	1)CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (21-Jan-19)
3	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	2.90	CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (08-Dec-20)	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (19-Sep-19)	1)CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (21-Jan-19)

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**Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instrument / facilities:** Not Applicable**Annexure 4: Complexity level of various instruments rated for this company**

Sr. No	Name of instrument	Complexity level
1	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	Simple
2	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	Simple

**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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