

### **Bokahola Tea Co Private Limited**

May 26, 2022

**Ratings** 

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	26.00	CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Single B Plus; Outlook: Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Total Bank Facilities	26.00 (Rs. Twenty-Six Crore Only)		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

## **Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers**

CARE Ratings Ltd. had, vide its press release dated March 10, 2021, placed the rating(s) of Bokahola Tea Co Private Limited (BTCPL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as BTCPL 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. BTCPL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated January 24, 2022, February 03, 2022, February 13, 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 March 10, 2021

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**

Bokahola Tea Company Private Limited (BTCPL) was incorporated in June 14, 1967 for cultivating and manufacturing black tea. At present, BTCPL presently owns one tea estate at Jorhat, Assam and a manufacturing facility located adjacent to the tea estate, which processes the leaf from the garden. The aggregate area available for cultivation is 800 hectares, of which area under cultivation is 630 hectares. Tea is sold through brokers (who sell it in auctions) and private sell. Mr. Prabhat Kamal Bezboruah having around three decades of experience in the tea industry, looks after the day to day operations of the company. He is supported by other directors Mr. Suresh Kartha and Mr. Kishore Kamal Bezboruah and a team of experienced professionals.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	31-03-2020 (A)	31-03-2021 (A)	31-03-2022 (Prov.)
Total operating income	80.78	107.05	NA
PBILDT	4.71	9.70	NA
PAT	0.91	4.48	NA
Overall gearing (times)	0.91	0.85	NA
Interest coverage (times)	1.92	3.04	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

<sup>1</sup>Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at <a href="www.careedge.in">www.careedge.in</a> and other CARE Ratings Ltd.'s publications

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**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		-	-	-	26.00	CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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

Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

	Name of	Current Ratings			Rating history			
Sr. No.	the Instrume nt/Bank Facilities	Typ e	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2022-2023	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2021-2022	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2020-2021	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-2020
1	Fund- based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	26.00	CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATI NG*	-	-	1)CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (10-Mar-21) 2)CARE BB-; Stable (06-Aug-20)	1)CARE BB-; Stable (28-Feb-20)

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## **Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of covenants of rated instrument/facility:** 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

## **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 <a href="mailto:care@careedge.in">care@careedge.in</a> for any clarifications.

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