

Bokaro Students Friend Private Limited

August 26, 2022

Ratings

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	9.00	CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Single B; Outlook: Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Total Bank Facilities	9.00 (Rs. Nine Crore Only)		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

CARE Ratings Ltd. had, vide its press release dated June 22, 2021, placed the rating(s) of Bokaro Students Friend Private Limited (BSFPL) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as BSFPL 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. BSFPL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated May 08, 2022, May 18, 2022, May 28, 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 [June 22, 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

Bokaro Students Friend Private Limited (BSFPL) was initially established as a partnership firm 'Students Friend' in 1992. Subsequently it was converted into private limited company and the name of the company changed to the current one i.e. BSFPL with effect from August 13, 2007. Since its inception, the company has been engaged in trading of all kinds of educational books like competitive exam books, CBSE board books, ICSE board books, professional courses books, technical courses books etc. The company purchases books directly from publishers like Arihant Prakashan, Dhanpat Rai Publications, S. Chand Group etc. and sells it to the distributors. The registered office of the company is situated at Bokaro, Jharkhand and also the company is having six branches and four of them are in Jharkhand and one each in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY20 (A)	FY21 (A)	FY22 (Prov.)	Q1FY23(Prov.)
Total operating income	103.30	103.11	NA	NA
PBILDT	1.75	1.90	NA	NA
PAT	0.66	0.66	NA	NA
Overall gearing (times)	1.04	1.54	NA	NA
Interest coverage (times)	2.52	2.18	NA	NA

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

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

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Brickwork has continued the rating assigned to the bank facilities of BSFPL into Issuer Not Cooperating category vide press release dated August 11, 2021 on account of its inability to carry out a review in the absence of the requisite information from the company.

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		-	-	-	9.00	CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

*Issuer did not cooperate; Based on best available information

Annexure-2: Rating history for the 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-Cash Credit	LT	9.00	CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	-	1)CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (22-Jun-21)	1)CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (21-Apr-20)	-

*Issuer did not cooperate; Based on best available information

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 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 care@careedge.in for any clarifications.

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