

Buds Tea Industries Limited

July 29, 2022

Ratings

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	20.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Single 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* (Single D / Single D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*)	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Total Bank Facilities	22.00 (Rs. Twenty-Two Core Only)		

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

CARE Ratings Ltd. had, vide its press release dated May 31, 2021, 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 and had not paid the surveillance fees for the rating exercise as agreed to in its Rating Agreement. BTIL continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and a letter/email dated April 17, 2022, April 26, 2022, May 06, 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 [May 31, 2021](#)

Analytical approach: Standalone

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.

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY20 (A)	FY21 (A)	FY22 (Prov.)	Q1FY23(Prov.)
Total operating income	53.58	65.83	NA	NA
PBILDT	0.42	5.45	NA	NA
PAT	-3.62	1.46	NA	NA
Overall gearing (times)	3.94	2.51	NA	NA
Interest coverage (times)	0.15	2.01	NA	NA

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

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: ICRA has continued the rating assigned to the bank facilities of BTIL rating into Issuer Not Cooperating category vide press release dated June 15, 2021 on account of its inability to carry out a review in the absence of the requisite information from the company.

CRISIL has continued the rating assigned to the bank facilities of BTIL rating into Issuer Not Cooperating category vide press release dated December 28, 2021 on account of its inability to carry out a review in the absence of the requisite information from the company.

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

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		-	-	-	20.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantee		-	-	-	2.00	CARE D / CARE D; 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	20.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING *	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (31-May-21)	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (31-Mar-20) 2)CARE B; Stable (04-Apr-19)
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 * (31-May-21)	-	1)CARE D / CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (31-Mar-20) 2)CARE B; Stable / CARE A4 (04-Apr-19)
3	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	-	-	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (31-Mar-20) 2)CARE B; Stable (04-Apr-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 Instrument	Complexity Level
1	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	Simple
2	Non-fund-based - LT/ ST-Bank Guarantee	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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