

BTM Exports Limited

September 21, 2020

Ratings

Facilities*	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action		
Long-term Bank Facilities 40.00		CARE B-; Stable ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* [Single B Minus; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING]	Issuer not cooperating; Revised from CARE B; Stable; Issuer not cooperating; Based on best available information		
Total	40.00 (Rupees Forty crore only)				

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

CARE had, vide its press release dated August 21, 2019, continues to place the ratings of BTM Exports Limited under the 'Issuer not cooperating' category as BTM Exports Ltd had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating as agreed to in its rating agreement. BTM Exports Limited continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through phone calls and a letter/email dated Sep 04, 2020. In line with the extant SEBI guidelines, CARE has reviewed the rating on the basis of the best available information which however, in CARE'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).

In view of the non-availability of the information and lack of management cooperation, CARE has revised the rating for bank facilities of BTM Exports Limited from CARE B; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING to CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING. Thus, the rating revision is based on the best available information. The ratings on BTM's bank facilities will now be denoted as **CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING**.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

CARE has not received any information for the review of the ratings. However, at the time of last rating on August 21, 2019 and rating on March 28, 2018 the following were the rating strengths and weaknesses

Key Rating Strengths

Experienced promoters: BTM, established in 2004, is promoted by Tekriwal brothers with Mr Sanjeev Tekriwal being the company's chairman and managing director. The promoters of the company Mr Sanjeev Kumar Tekriwal, Mr Rajeev Kumar Tekriwal and Mr Anil Tekriwal has experience of more than a decade in the field of both domestic and international trading which has helped the company in establishing itself into the market and scale-up the operations.

Moderate financial risk profile: Overall gearing of the company deteriorated 1.10x as on March 31, 2017 (PY: 0.85x) on account of higher working capital outstanding of Rs. 35.33 crore as on March 31, 2017 (PY: Rs.26.27 crore). Furthermore, due to higher debt, the total debt/GCA also deteriorated to 24.57x as on March 31, 2017 (PY: 14.75x). The interest coverage ratio of the company moderated to 1.42x during FY17 (refers to the period April 1 to March 31) (PY: 1.55x) due to increase in interest cost pertaining to higher working capital borrowings.

Key Rating Weaknesses

Short track record in current operations: The company was initially into trading of vanaspati & edible oil, fabrics etc. However, the same was discontinued on account of negative impact on the business due to change in government policy on the import of vanaspati and edible oil. Since FY12, the company is into trading of rice and iron ore. BTM has diversified by entering into the trading of electronics and healthcare products from FY15.

Highly fragmented nature of business with low entry barriers resulting in intense competition: The commodity nature of the traded products makes the industry highly fragmented with numerous players operating with negligible product differentiation. Moreover, there are a large number of small operators who are present only in the small segment of the

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entire value chain. Large presence of small players makes the segment highly unorganized which in turn leads to intense competition, thereby, constraining industry pricing power.

Regulatory risks: The paddy prices for certain grades of rice are regulated by the government to safeguard the interest of farmers. The farmers bring their produce to their nearby grain markets that are sold under auction. The government has stipulated a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the purchase of paddy for non-basmati category. Furthermore, the government has scrapped minimum export price (MEP) on basmati rice which may further intensify the stiff competition.

Analytical approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria

Policy in respect of Non-cooperation by Issuer
Criteria on assigning Outlook and Credit Watch to Credit Ratings
CARE's Policy on Default Recognition
Financial ratios - Non-Financial Sector
Rating Methodology-Wholesale Trading

About the Company

BTM was initially incorporated as BTM Exports Private Limited on November 24, 2004 and was later converted to public limited company on August 18, 2008. The company is promoted by Tekriwal brothers with Mr Sanjay Tekriwal being its chairman and managing director. Initially, the company was into trading of Vanaspati, edible oils and fabrics etc, but the same was discontinued by the company in 2011 and it started a new line of business which involves trading of Basmati Rice and Iron ore fines.

Covenants of rated instrument / facility: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instruments/facilities is given in Annexure-3

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY16 (A)	FY17 (A)		
Total operating income	290.54	303.79		
PBILDT	5.31	6.64		
PAT	1.40	1.01		
Overall gearing (times)	0.85	1.10		
Interest coverage (times)	1.55	1.42		

A: Audited

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

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

Annexure-1: Details of Instruments/Facilities

Name of the Instrument	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. crore)	Rating assigned along with Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	-	-	-		CARE B-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr.	Name of the	Current Ratings		Rating history				
No.	Instrument/Bank	Type	Amount	Rating	Date(s) &	Date(s) &	Date(s) &	Date(s) &
	Facilities		Outstanding		Rating(s)	Rating(s) assigned	Rating(s)	Rating(s) assigned
			(Rs. crore)		assigned	in 2019-2020	assigned	in 2017-2018
					in 2020-		in 2018-	
					2021		2019	
1.	Fund-based - LT-	LT	40.00	CARE B-; Stable;	-	1)CARE B; Stable;	-	1)CARE BB+;
	Cash Credit			ISSUER NOT		ISSUER NOT		Stable; ISSUER
				COOPERATING*		COOPERATING*		NOT
						(21-Aug-19)		COOPERATING*
								(28-Mar-18)
								2)CARE BB+;
								Stable
								(25-Apr-17)

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Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instrument / facilities: NA

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

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

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: CARE has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity. This classification is available at www.careratings.com. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careratings.com for any clarifications.



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