

Mangala Seeds

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Rating

| Facilities / Instruments | Amount (Rs. crore) | Rating ¹ | Rating Action |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Long Term Bank Facilities | 8.00 | CARE B; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Single B ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*) | Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category and Revised from CARE B+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (Single B Plus) |
| Total Facilities | 8.00 (Rs. Eight Crore Only) | | |

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure 1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

CARE had, vide its press release dated August 14, 2019 placed the rating(s) of Mangala Seeds (MS) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as Mangala Seeds had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating. Mangala Seeds continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and email from January 2020 to November 02, 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.

The revision in the rating takes into account the non-availability of requisite information due to non-cooperation by Mangala Seeds with CARE's efforts to undertake a review of the outstanding ratings as CARE views information availability risk as key factor in its assessment of credit risk profile.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

At the time of last PR dated on August 14, 2019 the following were the rating strengths and weaknesses:

Key Rating Weakness

Relatively small scale of operations

MS has been in the seed industry for the last one decade and is a relatively small sized player with sales of Rs.20-30 crore in the last three years and a small net worth base of Rs.2.28 crore as on March 31, 2015. While the scale of operation continues to remain small and volatile; during FY15, the total operating income increased marginally by about 5.09% driven by increased volume of out of state paddy sales.

Volatile trend in total operating income with low profitability

The total operating income of the firm has witnessed marginal growth in the last three years and witnessed y-o-y growth of about 6% in FY15 over FY14. The total operating income has been in the range of Rs.20-25 crore for the past 3 years however, it has increased from Rs.24.55 crore in FY14 to Rs.25.80 crore in FY15. With expansion of client base and commencement of sales outside Telangana, the sales volume and value has increased marginally during FY15. The PBILDT level also increased at a CAGR of about 4.26% during FY13-FY15. The PBILDT margin has been almost range bound at 2.62%- 2.91% during FY13- FY15. Low PBILDT margin along with high interest cost (on high working capital borrowings) has resulted in low PAT margin also.

Leveraged capital structure

The firm has a moderate solvency position and the capital structure has been leveraged as on last three account closing dates. The debt profile of the firm majorly comprises working capital borrowing and unsecured term loan. Given the increased scale of operation in the last 3 years, the working capital borrowings and utilizations have increased during the FY15 which coupled with relatively low profit levels has resulted in leveraged capital structure with overall gearing ratio at 3.11x as on March 31, 2015 (2.67x as on Mar.31, 2014). Significantly high working capital borrowings and comparatively low net worth and thin accruals have resulted in weak financial position. Furthermore, the interest coverage ratio remained weak for the last 3 financial years FY13-FY15 and stood at 1.41x, 1.48x and 1.40x, respectively and total debt/ GCA deteriorated to 33.27x in FY15 from 25.04x in FY14 on account of higher debt levels as on balance date.

¹Complete definitions of the ratings assigned are available at www.careratings.com and in other CARE publications

*Issuer did not cooperate; Based on best available information

Working capital intensive nature of operation with high operating cycle

MS operates in a working capital intensive industry with associated high working capital requirements. The operating cycle of the firm elongated in FY15 over the previous year on account of increase in inventory days. The finished goods inventory was high during the year as the firm maintains inventory in the form of finished goods (paddy) as on balance sheet date due to seasonal nature of business. The company has to maintain high inventory of seeds at the year-end for supply in the ensuing khariff season. Consequently, the finished goods inventory and inventory days increased in FY15. The firm sells in the domestic market as well outside the state as on cash basis and the average credit period is about a month. The creditor's days has also been on the lower side and further reduced in FY15 as the firm has been procuring majorly from the famers in advance. The average working capital utilization has been high at about 95%- 100% in the last 12 months ended February 2016.

Competition from the established domestic players and MNCs

In India, the hybrid seed market has considerable presence of MNC's lead by Monsanto, DuPont, Syngenta, Nunhems India, etc. who have strong distribution network and huge financial muscle to carryout continuous R&D. Further the market is dominated by large domestic companies (viz. nuziveedu seeds Private Ltd, rasi seeds, kaveri seeds, etc.) with large resources, strong distribution networks & R&D facilities. MS, though, has a good distribution network and a strong product base, being a small sized player, faces intense competition from the relatively large sized and established players. The industry has significant entry barriers in view of high cost associated with production, distribution, R&D, dealer discounts, etc.

Key Rating Strengths

Experienced Promoters

The partners; Mr. Madishetty Ashok (aged 40 years) and Mr. Gourishetty Nagaraju (aged 32 years) have been associated with the paddy seeds industry since the last three decades. Mr. M. Ashok is a managing partner of the firm and he is actively engaged in managing the day to day affairs of the firm. The profit-loss sharing ratio between the aforementioned two partners is 75:25.

Established track record of seed business

MS has about two decades of presence in the seed industry in Warangal, Telangana. The firm is engaged in processing and trading of paddy seeds. MS purchases the breeder seeds (initial level or raw seeds) of paddy from the state authorities and Agriculture Universities. These seeds are sold to farmers for up-gradation to foundation seeds.

Foundation seeds are then repurchased back from farmers for further germination and for producing final seeds as per the specifications of State Certification Agency (for agriculture seed). Post certification, these seeds are sold commercially in packed form.

Strong marketing network within Warangal

MS has about three decades of presence in the Indian Seeds industry. MS sells its products through well-established dealer network across India. MS sell through dealers as the dealers extend security deposit which ensures safety of payment. MS day to day operations and marketing network managed by Mr. M Ashok. Both the partners are highly qualified with long industry experience.

Analytical Approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria

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

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About the Firm

Mangala seeds (MS) were started as HUF on October 04, 1999 by Mr Madishetty Ashok. In March, 2007, Mr. Madishetty retired from HUF and incorporated Mangala Seeds as a partnership firm on April 01, 2007 with Mr Giurishetty Nagaraju as second partner. The firm is engaged in the Production, Procurement, Processing, Marketing and distribution of paddy seeds in Warangal, Telangana. The processing unit of the firm is located at Madikonda, Warangal.

| Brief Financials (Rs. crore) | FY14(A) | FY15 (A) |
|------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Total operating income | 24.55 | 25.80 |
| PBILDIT | 0.67 | 0.75 |
| PAT | 0.11 | 0.12 |
| Overall gearing (times) | 2.67 | 3.11 |
| Interest coverage (times) | 1.48 | 1.40 |

A-Audited Prov.: Provisional

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating History (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 | Date of Issuance | Coupon Rate | Maturity Date | Size of the Issue (Rs. crore) | Rating assigned along with Rating Outlook |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit | - | - | - | 8.00 | CARE B; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* |

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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 2020-2021 | Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-2020 | Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-2019 | Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-2018 |
| 1. | Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit | L T | 8.00 | CARE B; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* | - | 1)CARE B+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (14-Aug-19) | 1)CARE B+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (01-Jun-18) | 1)CARE B+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (09-May-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 Firm:

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

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