

Meenakshi Hatcheries

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Rating

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings ¹	Rating Action
Long -term Bank Facilities	4.00	CARE B+ Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING (Single B Plus Outlook Stable; Issuer not Cooperating*)	Issuer not co-operating based on best available information
Total Facilities	4.00 (Rupees four crore only)		

Details of facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

CARE had, vide its press release dated April 02, 2018, placed the rating(s) of Meenakshi Hatcheries (MH) under the 'issuer non-cooperating' category as MH had failed to provide information for monitoring of the rating. MH continues to be non-cooperative despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails, phone calls and email dated June 21, 2019, June 24, 2019, June 25, 2019, June 26, 2019 and June 27, 2019. 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.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

At the time of last rating on April 02, 2018 following were the strengths and weaknesses.

Key Rating Weakness

Constitution of the entity as a partnership with inherent risk of withdrawal of capital and limited access to funding

MH, being a partnership firm, is exposed to inherent risk of the partner's capital being withdrawn at time of personal Contingency and firm being dissolved upon the death/retirement/insolvency of the partners. Moreover, partnership firm business has restricted avenues to raise capital which could prove a hindrance to its growth.

Intense competition

The firm has to stock shrimps for export during the off season, thus increasing its inventory levels. Apart from seasonality, adverse climate conditions, lack of quality feed, rampant diseases continue to pose risk in the raw material procurement. Furthermore, due to limited value addition nature of business and less technological input entry barriers are low. As a result, processed sea food industry is highly competitive with the presence of a large number of Indian players as well as players from other international market. Furthermore, exports of sea food is highly regulated, as exporters of sea food have to meet various regulations imposed by importing nations as well as imposed by the Indian government.

Key Rating Strengths

Experience of the partner for a decade in the shrimp hatchery industry

MH is promoted by Mr BSSNV Krishna and his family members. Mr BSSNV Krishna, managing partner, is a graduate and has experience of more than decade in shrimp hatchery business as he is actively involved in the day-to-day operations of MHPL. Mr B Suryanarayana, partner, is a Post Graduate having more than a decade of experience in shrimp hatchery business as he is one of the directors of MHPL.

Location advantage

The shrimp hatchery unit of the firm is located at Bheemanipatnam, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, which is one of those areas where shrimps are abundantly available resulting in lower logistic expenditure.

Successful completion of the project and achieved reasonable revenue

MH was established in the year 2015. The project was concluded with the total cost of Rs. 5 crore (against earlier envisaged project cost of Rs. 6.55 crore) funded through debt of Rs.4.0 crore and partner's capital of Rs. 1 crore. The firm has successfully completed the project without any cost and time overrun. During 9MFY17 (Provisional), the firm has achieved total operating income of Rs. 3 crore.

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

*Issuer did not cooperate: based on best available information

Analytical Approach: Standalone

Applicable Criteria

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

[Criteria on assigning Outlook to Credit Ratings](#)

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About the Firm

K Meenakshi Hatcheries (MH) was established in December 2015 and promoted by Mr BSSNV Krishna and his family members. The firm has started a shrimp hatchery unit. MH is doing hatchery (Shrimp) and sell the shrimp seed to shrimp farmers located in and around Andhra Pradesh. The process of shrimp seed production involves four stages (Maturation, Spawning and Hatching, Larval rearing and post larval rearing).It takes around 40 days for entire process to complete. The firm has started commercial operations from April 2016 as envisaged.

Brief financials: Not available

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

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-Term Loan	-	-	May-2023	4.00	CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* Issuer not cooperating; Based on best available information

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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 2019-2020	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-2019	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-2018	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017
1.	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	4.00	CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* Issuer not cooperating; Based on best available information	-	1)CARE B+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (02-Apr-18)	1)CARE B+; Stable (16-May-17)	-
2.	Fund-based - LT-Cash Credit	LT	-	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (16-May-17)	-

**Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information*

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