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## West Coast Foods: Continues to remain under issuer non-Cooperating category

### Summary of rating action

| Instrument <sup>^</sup>           | Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore) | Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore) | Rating Action   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Long Term-Fund Based-Term Loan    | 1.29                              | 1.29                             | [ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating Continues to remain under issuer not cooperating category |
| Short Term-Fund Based-Cash Credit | 5.00                              | 5.00                             | [ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating Continues to remain under issuer not cooperating category         |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>6.29</b>                       | <b>6.29</b>                      |   |

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

<sup>^</sup>Instrument details are provided in Annexure-1

### Rationale

ICRA has kept the Long-term and Short-term ratings for the bank facilities of West Coast Foods in the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category. The rating is denoted as "[ICRA]B+(Stable)/[ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING".

As part of its process and in accordance with its rating agreement with West Coast Foods, ICRA has been trying to seek information from the entity so as to monitor its performance. Further, ICRA has been sending repeated reminders to the entity for payment of surveillance fee that became due. Despite multiple requests by ICRA, the entity's management has remained non-cooperative. In the absence of requisite information and in line with the aforesaid policy of ICRA, the rating has been continued to the "Issuer Not Cooperating" category. The rating is based on the best available information.

Please refer to the following link for the previous detailed rationale that captures the Key rating drivers and their description, Liquidity position, Rating sensitivities, Key Financial Indicator: [Click here](#). ICRA is unable to provide the latest information because of non-cooperation by the entity.

### Analytical approach

| Analytical Approach             | Comments  |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Applicable Rating Methodologies | <a href="#">Policy in respect of non-cooperation by the rated entity</a><br><a href="#">Corporate Credit Rating Methodology</a> |
| Parent/Group Support            | Not Applicable  |
| Consolidation/Standalone        | Standalone  |

### About the company

West Coast Foods (WCF) was established in 2012 as a proprietorship concern of Mr. Mo. Ashfaq Dandia. It processes and exports seafood products such as ribbon fish, cuttlefish, squid, croaker fish, and leather jacket fish. Its processing unit is located at Porbandar, Gujarat, with an installed processing capacity of 79 Metric Tonnes Per Day (MTPD) and storage capacity of 1,600 tonnes of seafood products. Mr. Mo. Ashfaq has more than four decades of experience in the seafood industry through former association with various concerns involved in the seafood sector.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: NA

Any other information: None

### Rating history for past three years

| Instrument | Current Rating (FY2024) |                          |                                |                  | Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years |  |  |  |
|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|---|--|--|--|
|            | Type                    | Amount Rated (Rs. Crore) | Amount Outstanding (Rs. Crore) | Date & Rating in | Date & Rating in FY2023                           | Date & Rating in FY2022                  | Date & Rating in FY2021                  |  |
|            |                         |                          |                                | 28-February-2024 | 09-December-2022                                  | 06-October-2021                          | 28-July-2020                             |  |
| 1          | Term Loan               | Long Term                | 1.29                           | -                | [ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING          | [ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING | [ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING | [ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING |
| 2          | Cash Credit             | Short Term               | 5.00                           | -                | [ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING                  | [ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING         | [ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING         | [ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING         |

### Complexity level of the rated instrument

| Instrument  | Complexity Indicator |
|-------------|----------------------|
| Term Loan   | Simple               |
| Cash Credit | Simple               |

The Complexity Indicator refers to the ease with which the returns associated with the rated instrument could be estimated. It does not indicate the risk related to the timely payments on the instrument, which is rather indicated by the instrument's credit rating. It also does not indicate the complexity associated with analysing an entity's financial, business, industry risks or complexity related to the structural, transactional, or legal aspects. Details on the complexity levels of the instruments, is available on ICRA's website: [Click Here](#)

**Annexure-1: Instrument details**

| ISIN No | Instrument Name | Date of Issuance / Sanction | Coupon Rate | Maturity Date | Amount Rated (RS Crore) | Current Rating and Outlook               |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|--|
| NA      | Term Loan       | -                           | -           | -             | 1.29                    | [ICRA]B+(Stable); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING |
| NA      | Cash Credit     | -                           | -           | -             | 5.00                    | [ICRA]A4; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING         |

Source: West Coast Foods

**Annexure-2: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis: Not Applicable**

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