

November 26, 2024

Western Hill Foods Ltd.: Continues to remain under issuer Non-Cooperating category

Summary of rating action

Instrument [^]	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Long Term-Fund Based-Cash Credit	8.00	8.00	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Long Term – Fund Based - Term Loan	15.81	15.81	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Long Term / Short Term-Unallocated	3.19	3.19	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING / [ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*; Rating continues to remain under 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category
Total	27.00	27.00	

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

[^]Instrument details are provided in Annexure-1

Rationale

ICRA has kept the long-Term and short-term ratings of Western Hill Foods Ltd. in the 'Issuer Not Cooperating' category. The rating is denoted as "[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING / [ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING".

As part of its process and in accordance with its rating agreement with Western Hill Foods Ltd., 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 Key rating drivers and their description, Liquidity position, Rating sensitivities, Key financial indicators: [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	Policy in respect of non-cooperation by the rated entity Corporate Credit Rating Methodology Policy on Default Recognition
Parent/Group Support	NA
Consolidation/Standalone	Standalone

About the company

Western Hill Foods Ltd. was established in 2008 by Mr. Bhagwan Bende along with Mr. Girishkumar Samdadia and Mr. Vivek Walsepatil. The company's facility is located at Pune, Maharashtra. The closely held company is engaged in processing and exporting of Individual Quick Freezer (IQF) Frozen Fruits, Vegetables.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: NA

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

	Instrument	Current Rating (FY2025)			Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years		
		Type	Amount Rated (Rs. Crore)	Date & Rating in	Date & Rating in FY2024	Date & Rating in FY2023	Date & Rating in FY2022
				Nov 26, 2024	Sep 29, 2023	Jul 28, 2022	May 28, 2021
1	Cash Credit	Long Term	8.00	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
2	Term Loan	Long Term	15.81	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
3	Unallocated	Long Term / Short Term	3.19	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING / [ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING / [ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D/[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	[ICRA]D/[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Cash Credit	Simple
Term Loan	Simple
Unallocated	Not Applicable

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	Cash Credit	-	-	-	8.00	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Term Loan	-	-	-	15.81	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING
NA	Unallocated	-	-	-	3.19	[ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING / [ICRA]D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING

Source: Western Hill Foods Ltd.

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

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