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New Leaf Tea Plantation Pvt. Ltd.

December 30, 2020

Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	11.25	IVR BB- ; Issuer Not Co-operating. (IVR Double B Minus; Issuer Not Cooperating)	Revised from IVR BB+ / Stable Outlook (IVR Double B plus with Stable Outlook) and moved to Issuer Not Co-operating category
Short Term Bank Facilities	0.50	IVR A4 ; Issuer Not Co-operating (IVR Single A Four; Issuer Not Co-operating)	Revised from IVR A4+ (IVR A Four plus) and moved to Issuer Not Co-operating category
Total	11.75 (Rupees Eleven Crore seventy five lakh only)		

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

Details of Facility are in Annexure 1

Detailed Rationale

The rating revision is because of lack of adequate information regarding New Leaf Tea Plantation Pvt Ltd (NLTPL)'s performance and hence the uncertainty around its credit risk. Infomerics assesses whether the information available about the company is commensurate with its rating and reviews the same as per its policy.

The lenders, investors and other market participants are thus advised to exercise appropriate caution while using this rating as the ratings may not adequately reflect the credit risk profile of the company.

Non-cooperation by Issuer

Infomerics has been regularly following up with the company to provide the required data to monitor its assigned rating to the bank facilities, vide E-mail communications dated November 4, 2020, November 18, 2020, November 30, 2020 and concurrently over several phone calls. However, despite repeated requests by Infomerics, the company's management has not submitted surveillance fees, NDS and all the essential details required for detailed review of the assigned ratings.

Availability of information is very critical in rating exercise. In the absence of the requisite information, in consonance with SEBI guidelines, Infomerics has to assign the rating based on the best available



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information. Accordingly, the long-term and short-term ratings for the bank loan facilities aggregating to Rs.11.75 crore of NLTPPL shall be moved to the 'ISSUER NOT COOPERATING' category by Infomerics.

Analytical Approach & Applicable Criteria

Standalone

Guidelines on what constitutes Non-Cooperation by clients

Rating Methodology for Manufacturing Companies

Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Non-Financial Sector)

About the Company

New Leaf Tea Plantation Private Limited (NLTPPL) was incorporated in June, 2009 by Siliguri based MJB Group. The company had set up a leaf tea factory in Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal which commenced operation from April 2018. The group is engaged in tea processing for more than a decade. From a modest beginning as small tea trader in 1984, MJB Group has now enjoying ~1.5% share in Indian Tea Market with various companies under its fold. The company is primarily looked after by Mr. Vikash Bansal, Mr. Vineet Bansal and Mr. Gaurav Agarwal.

Financials (Standalone):

(Rs. crore)

For the year ended* / As On	31-03-2019
	Audited
Total Operating Income	18.10
EBITDA	1.77
PAT	0.48
Total Debt	9.92
Tangible Net worth	9.56
EBITDA Margin (%)	9.76
PAT Margin (%)	2.65
Overall Gearing Ratio (x)	1.04

*Classification as per Infomerics' standards.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable.

Any other information: Nil



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Rating History for last three years:

Sr. No	Name of Instrument/Facilities	Current Rating (Year 2020-21)			Rating History for the past 3 years		
		Type	Amount outstanding (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-20	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-19	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-18
1.	Long Term Fund Based Limits – Term Loan	LT	7.75	IVR BB-; Issuer Not Co-operating; IVR A4* (IVR Double B Minus; Issuer Not Cooperating)	IVR BB+ / Stable Outlook Dec. 26, 2019	IVR BB+ / Stable Outlook July 19, 2018	-
2.	Long Term Fund Based Limits – Cash Credit	LT	3.50	IVR BB-; Issuer Not Co-operating; IVR A4* (IVR Double B Minus; Issuer Not Cooperating)	IVR BB+ / Stable Outlook Dec. 26, 2019	IVR BB+ / Stable Outlook July 19, 2018	
3.	Short Term Non Fund Based Limits – Bank Guarantee	ST	0.50	IVR A4; Issuer Not Co-operating (IVR Single A Four; Issuer Not Co-operating)	IVR A4+ Dec. 26, 2019	IVR A4+ July 19, 2018	

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Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: Infomerics has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity and a note thereon is available at www.infomerics.com.

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About Infomerics:

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Annexure 1: Details of Facility

Name of Facility	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs.Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Long Term Bank Facilities - Term Loan	-	-	June, 2024	7.75	IVR BB-; Issuer Not Co-operating; IVR A4* (IVR Double B Minus; Issuer Not Cooperating)
Long Term Bank Facilities - Cash Credit	-	-	-	3.50	IVR BB-; Issuer Not Co-operating; IVR A4* (IVR Double B Minus; Issuer Not Cooperating)
Short Term Bank Facilities – Bank Guarantee	-	-	-	0.50	IVR A4 ; Issuer Not Co-operating (IVR Single A Four; Issuer Not Co-operating)

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