

## Press Release

### Sristi Garments

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### Rating Assigned

<b>Total Bank Facilities Rated*</b>	Rs. 5.50 Cr
<b>Short Term Rating</b>	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)

\* Refer Annexure for details

### Rating Rationale

Acuité has assigned short-term rating of '**ACUITE A4+**' (**read as ACUITE A four plus**) on the Rs 5.50 crore bank facilities of Sristi Garments.

Tamil Nadu-based, Sristi Garments (SG) is a proprietary concern established in 2005. The concern is established by Ms. P. Kavitha and is engaged in manufacturing of readymade garments for kids and women. The unit is a 100 per cent export unit with ~60 per cent exports to Netherlands and remaining to Spain. The concern operates from three units in Tamil Nadu, two of these units are located in Madhavaram and one unit is located in Trivachur. The concern has 450 single needle sewing machines with an installed capacity of 10,000 pieces of readymade garments per day.

### Key Rating Drivers

#### Strengths

- **Experienced management**

SG is a proprietorship concern, which was established by Ms. Kavitha, who has over a decade of experience in textile industry. Mr. Balakrishna, Managing Director, looks after the day-to-day business activities of the concern. He has more than two decades experience in textile industry. The long track record of the management has enabled them to establish a strong relationship with suppliers and customers.

Acuité believes that SG will continue to benefit from experienced management and established track record of operations

- **Improved operating performance**

Operating income of the concern has improved to Rs. 23.71 crore in FY2019 as compared to Rs. 20.61 crore in FY2018, led by increase in export sales. EBIT has improved to Rs. 2.05 crore in FY2019 as compared to Rs. 1.78 crore in FY2018 and Rs. 1.36 crore in FY2016. Profit margin of the concern has improved from 3.90 per cent in FY2017 to 4.30 per cent in FY2019.

Acuité believes that going forward the company's ability to maintain its profit margins will be key monitorable.

- **Average financial risk profile; albeit modest net worth base**

SG has average financial risk profile marked by net worth of Rs. 3.51 crore as on March 31, 2019 as compared to Rs. 2.47 crore as on March 31, 2018. The gearing (Debt-to-equity) stood at 3.55 times as on March 31, 2019 as against 5.08 times as on March 31, 2018 due to decline in overall debt undertaken by the company. Total debt of Rs. 8.53 crore (Rs 10.96 crore in FY2018) mainly comprises of short-term bank borrowings to the extent of Rs. 4.80 crore and long-term bank borrowings of Rs. 3.11 crore. TOL/TNW has also improved to 2.99 times in FY2019 as compared to 5.32 times in FY2018. ICR (Interest coverage ratio) stood at 2.20 times for FY2019 as against 2.16 times for FY2018.

#### Weaknesses

- **Modest scale of operations in highly competitive and fragmented readymade garments industry:**

SG registered revenues of Rs. 21.31 crore in FY2019 as against Rs. 19.11 crore in FY2018, exhibiting modest scale of its operations. SG also operates in a highly fragmented industry on account of low

entry barriers and low capital requirements, which restricts its pricing flexibility. Acuité believes that the ability of SG to increase its scale of operations while maintaining healthy growth in operating margins will be a key rating monitorable.

**• Susceptible to geographic concentration risk and foreign exchange fluctuation risk**

SG's is a 100 per cent export oriented unit, deriving its income by exports to Netherlands (60 per cent) and Spain (40 per cent). The revenues and operations of the concern is exposed to the changes regulatory environment and customer preferences in these countries. The concern is also exposed to foreign exchange fluctuation risk as its 100 per cent revenue comes from exports to Netherlands and Spain.

The ability of the concern to diversify its customer base to new geographies will be a key rating monitorable

**Rating Sensitivity**

- Healthy growth in revenues and operating margins.
- Deterioration in financial risk profile and liquidity position.

**Material Covenants**

None

**Liquidity Position: Stretched**

Liquidity profile of SG is stretched, reflected by ~80 percent utilisation of working capital limits over the past 6 months ending September 30, 2019 and moderate accruals of Rs 1.31 crore in FY2019. The GCA days stood at 114 days in FY2019 as compared to 146 days in FY2018, led by lower inventory holding period. The concern has cash and bank balances of Rs ~0.49 crore. Acuité believes that working capital intensive operations and moderate accruals are expected to keep the liquidity stretched in the near to medium term.

**About the Rated Entity - Key Financials**

	Unit	FY19 (Actual)	FY18 (Actual)	FY17 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	23.71	20.61	18.49
EBITDA	Rs. Cr.	2.35	2.10	1.68
PAT	Rs. Cr.	1.02	0.83	0.72
EBITDA Margin	(%)	9.89	10.20	9.07
PAT Margin	(%)	4.30	4.04	3.90
ROCE	(%)	16.55	17.44	36.55
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	2.43	4.43	2.77
PBDIT/Interest	Times	2.20	2.16	2.56
Gross Current Assets (Days)	Days	114	146	125

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA (if applicable)**

Not Applicable

**Any other information**

Not Applicable

**Applicable Criteria**

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-17.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities- <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-4.htm>
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-20.htm>

**Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument**

<https://www.acuite.in/criteria-complexity-levels.htm>

**Rating History (Upto last three years)**

Not Applicable

**\*Annexure – Details of instruments rated**

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
Export Packing Credit / Foreign Bill Purchase / Foreign Bill Discounting	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	5.50	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)

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