

Press Release

SSB Metal Works

July 21, 2021



Rating Withdrawn

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs.7.00 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE B+ (Withdrawn; Issuer not co-operating*)
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4 (Withdrawn; Issuer not co-operating*)

Refer Annexure for details

* The issuer did not co-operate; Based on best available information.

Rating Rationale

Acuité has withdrawn the long-term rating of '**ACUITE B+** (read as ACUITE B plus) and the short-term rating of '**ACUITE A4**' (read as ACUITE A four) on the Rs.7.00 crore bank facilities of SSB Metal Works (SSMW).

The rating withdrawal is in accordance with the Acuité's policy on withdrawal of rating. This rating continues to be an indicative rating and is based on the best available information.

The rating is being withdrawn on account of the request received from the firm and No Objection Certificate & No Dues Certificate received from the bankers.

Mumbai-based, SSMW was established in 1989 as a proprietorship concern by Mr. Bharat Lunia. The firm was later converted into a partnership firm in 1994 with Mr. Bharat Lunia and Mr. Pravin Lunia as partners. The firm is engaged in manufacturing and export of stationery products such as metal ball point pens, plastic ball point pens, roller pens and geometric boxes. The firm sells its products under the brand name 'RADIUS'. SSMW exports around 90 per cent of its products to Turkey, Russia, Netherland, Thailand, Egypt and Germany.

Non-cooperation by the issuer/borrower

Acuité has been requesting for data, information and undertakings from the rated entity for conducting surveillance & review of the rating. However, the issuer/borrower failed to submit such information before the due date.

Acuité believes that information risk is a critical component in such ratings, and non-cooperation by the issuer along with an unwillingness to provide information could be a sign of potential deterioration in its overall credit quality.

This rating is, therefore, being flagged as "Issuer not-cooperating", in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuité's policies.

Applicable Criteria

- Manufacturing Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.htm>
- Application of Financial Ratios and Adjustments: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>

Limitation regarding information availability

The rating is based on information available from sources other than the issuer / borrower (in the absence of information provided by the issuer / borrower). Acuité endeavored to gather information about the entity / industry from the public domain. Therefore, Acuité cautions lenders and investors regarding the use of such information, on which the indicative credit rating is based.

Liquidity Indicators - "No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon."

Rating Sensitivity - "No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon."

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

The rated entity has not shared the latest financial statements despite repeated requests.

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

Not Applicable.

Any other information

Acuité is yet to receive the latest No Default Statement (NDS) from the rated entity, despite repeated requests and follow-ups.

Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
05-Jan-2021	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.35	ACUITE B+ (Indicative)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	1.15	ACUITE B+ (Indicative)
	Bills Discounting	Short Term	1.25	ACUITE A4 (Indicative)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	4.25	ACUITE A4 (Indicative)
14-Oct-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.35	ACUITE B+ (Indicative)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	1.15	ACUITE B+ (Indicative)
	Bills Discounting	Short Term	1.25	ACUITE A4 (Indicative)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	4.25	ACUITE A4 (Indicative)
03-Aug-2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.35	ACUITE B+/ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	1.15	ACUITE B+/ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Bills Discounting	Short Term	1.25	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	4.25	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed)

#Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.35	ACUITE B+ (Withdrawn) Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Bank Facility	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.15	ACUITE B+ (Withdrawn) Issuer not co-operating*
Bills Discounting	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.25	ACUITE A4 (Withdrawn) Issuer not co-operating*
Packing credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	4.25	ACUITE A4 (Withdrawn) Issuer not co-operating*

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