

Press Release

Peppermint Clothing Private Limited

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Rating Update



Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs.20.45Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+/Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*

Refer Annexure for details

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

Acuite has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE BB**' (read as **ACUITE double B**) from '**ACUITE BB+**' (read as **ACUITE double B plus**) and reviewed the short term rating of '**ACUITE A4+**' (read as '**ACUITE A four plus**') on the Rs.20.45 crore bank facilities of Peppermint Clothing Private Limited (PCPL). This rating is now an indicative rating and is downgraded on account of information risk.

Peppermint Clothing Private Limited (PCPL) was incorporated in 2007 by Mr. Santosh Katariya and his brothers Mr. Kamlesh Katariya and Mr. Rajendra Katariya. The company began its operations in 2011. PCPL is engaged in the manufacturing of readymade garments for girls of the age group 0-14 years. PCPL has a registered brand name 'Peppermint' with a manufacturing facility of capacity to produce 12,00,000 pieces per year.

Non-cooperation by the issuer/borrower

Acuite 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.

Acuite 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 Acuite's policies.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.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). Acuite endeavoured to gather information about the entity/industry from the public domain. Therefore, Acuite cautions lenders and investors regarding the use of such information, on which the indicative credit rating is based.

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)

CARE, vide its press release dated September 30, 2019 has denoted the rating of Peppermint Clothing Private Limited as 'CARE BB-/Stable/A4; ISSUER NOT-COOPERATING' on account of best available information.

Any other information

Acuite 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
27-Aug-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	18.50*	ACUITE BB+/Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE BB/Stable)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.28	ACUITE BB+/Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE BB/Stable)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	1.67	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
29-Jun-2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	18.50*	ACUITE BB/Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.35	ACUITE BB/Stable (Assigned)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	0.60	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)

*Cash credit includes sublimit of Rs.15.00Cr as ODBD.

#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	18.50**	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+/Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
Term loans	March,2018	12.30%	March,2023	0.28	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+/Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
Letter of credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.67	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*

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**Cash credit includes sublimit of Rs.15.00Cr as ODBD.

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