

Press Release

Southern Cargo Carriers (India)

May 07, 2021



Rating Downgraded

Total Instruments Rated*	Rs. 14.00 crore
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB+ Downgraded; Issuer not cooperating#

* Refer Annexure for details

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

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded the long term rating to '**ACUITE BB+**' (**read as ACUITE double B plus**) from '**ACUITE BBB**' (**read as ACUITE triple B**) on the Rs. 14.00 crore bank facilities of Southern Cargo Carriers (India) ("SCC"). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

Southern Cargo Carriers (India) (SSCI), established in 1991, is a Bangalore-based partnership firm promoted by Mr Mittal and family. The firm is engaged in providing goods transportation services with a fleet of around 500 trucks and caters to corporate clients. The firm has a fleet of about 500 trucks of which 79 are owned and remaining are attached vehicles (Taken on rent basis).

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 due date.

Acuité believes that information risk is a critical component in such ratings, and non-cooperation by the issuer along with 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

- Infrastructure Sector - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-51.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 Position:

No information provided by the issuer/ available for Acuité to comment upon.

Rating Sensitivities

No information provided by the issuer/ available for Acuité to comment upon.

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

No information provided by the issuer/ available for Acuité to comment upon.

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

Not Applicable

Any other information

Not Applicable

Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument/ Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Ratings/Outlook
10 Feb 2020	Overdraft	Long Term	12.00	ACUITE BBB/ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Overdraft	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BBB/ Stable (Reaffirmed)
16 Nov 2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	14.00	ACUITE BBB (Issuer not co-operating)
16 Oct 2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	14.00	ACUITE BBB/ Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE BBB-/Stable)

***Annexure – Details of instruments rated**

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
Overdraft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	12.00	ACUITE BB+ Downgraded; Issuer not cooperating*
Proposed Overdraft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	2.00	ACUITE BB+ Downgraded; Issuer not cooperating*

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