



**Press Release**  
**Southern Cargo Carriers (India)**  
**January 17, 2025**  
**Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating**

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	14.00	ACUITE BB-   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	14.00	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

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

**Rating Rationale**

Acuite has downgraded the long-term rating to ‘**ACUITE BB-**’ (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) from ‘**ACUITE BB**’ (read as **ACUITE double B**) on the Rs. 14.00 crore bank facilities of Southern Cargo Carriers (India) on account of information risk. The rating continues to be flagged as “Issuer Not-Cooperating” and is based on the best available information.

**About the Company**

Southern Cargo Carriers (India) (SCCI), 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).

**Unsupported Rating**

Not Applicable

**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 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.

**Limitation regarding information availability**

This 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. Any rating with the suffix 'Issuer not cooperating' is assigned without any management interaction with the issuer entity or any data / information from the entity. Sometimes this non co-operation by a rated entity may be due to a result of deterioration in the credit risk profile of the entity. Therefore, Acuité cautions lenders and investors regarding the use of such information, on which the indicative credit rating is based.

### **Rating Sensitivity**

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

### **Liquidity Position**

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

### **Outlook**

Not Applicable

### **Other Factors affecting Rating**

None

## Key Financials

Particulars	Unit	FY 19 (Actual)	FY 18 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	196.79	158.41
PAT	Rs. Cr.	8.61	6.75
PAT Margin	(%)	4.37	4.26
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	0.71	0.31
PBDIT/Interest	Times	10.54	3.29

## Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

## Any other information

None

## Applicable Criteria

- Infrastructure Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-51.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Application Of Financial Ratios And Adjustments: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm>

## Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument

In order to inform the investors about complexity of instruments, Acuite has categorized such instruments in three levels: Simple, Complex and Highly Complex. Acuite's categorisation of the instruments across the three categories is based on factors like variability of the returns to the investors, uncertainty in cash flow patterns, number of counterparties and general understanding of the instrument by the market. It has to be understood that complexity is different from credit risk and even an instrument categorized as 'Simple' can carry high levels of risk. For more details, please refer Rating Criteria "Complexity Level Of Financial Instruments" on [www.acuite.in](http://www.acuite.in).

## Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
25 Oct 2023	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	12.00	ACUITE BB (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BB (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
03 Aug 2022	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	12.00	ACUITE BB (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB+)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BB (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB+)

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## Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Complexity Level	Rating
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	2.00	Simple	ACUITE BB-   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating* ( from ACUITE BB )
Canara Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Secured Overdraft	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	12.00	Simple	ACUITE BB-   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating* ( from ACUITE BB )

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