



**Press Release**  
**K. Gauthaman**  
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**Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating**

| Product                            | Quantum<br>(Rs. Cr) | Long Term Rating                                  | Short Term Rating                                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Bank Loan Ratings                  | 5.50                | ACUITE B+   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* | -                                                 |
| Bank Loan Ratings                  | 4.50                | -                                                 | ACUITE A4   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |
| Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 10.00               | -                                                 | -                                                 |

**Rating Rationale**

Acuité has reaffirmed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE B+**' (read as **ACUITE B plus**) and short-term rating of '**ACUITE A4**' (read as **ACUITE A four**) on the Rs.10.00 crore bank facilities of K Gauthaman(KG). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

**About the Company**

Established in 1980, K Gauthaman(KG) is a Tamil Nadu-based proprietorship firm that undertakes civil work for the government through tender based contracts. The firm executes orders for government bodies such as Southern Railways, Steel Authority of India (SAIL) and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Mr. K. Gauthaman, the Proprietor, has more than three decades of experience in the aforementioned industry.

**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 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.

**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.

## Rating Sensitivity

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

**Material Covenants**

None

**Liquidity Position**

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

**Outlook**

Not Applicable

**Other Factors affecting Rating**

Not Applicable

## Key Financials

| Particulars                   | Unit    | FY 16 (Actual) | FY 15 (Actual) |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| Operating Income              | Rs. Cr. | 23.49          | 28.05          |
| PAT                           | Rs. Cr. | 0.86           | 1.02           |
| PAT Margin                    | (%)     | 3.65           | 3.64           |
| Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth | Times   | 0.74           | 0.93           |
| PBDIT/Interest                | Times   | 2.87           | 4.41           |

### Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

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.

### 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, Acuité 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                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 20 May 2022 | Cash Credit                    | Long Term  | 5.00            | ACUITE B+ ( Issuer not co-operating*)               |
|             | Bank Guarantee                 | Short Term | 4.50            | ACUITE A4 ( Issuer not co-operating*)               |
|             | Term Loan                      | Long Term  | 0.50            | ACUITE B+ ( Issuer not co-operating*)               |
| 16 Feb 2021 | Term Loan                      | Long Term  | 0.50            | ACUITE B+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Bank Guarantee                 | Short Term | 4.50            | ACUITE A4 (Issuer not co-operating*)                |
|             | Cash Credit                    | Long Term  | 5.00            | ACUITE B+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*) |

## Annexure - Details of instruments rated

| Lender's Name                    | ISIN           | Facilities           | Date Of Issuance | Coupon Rate    | Maturity Date  | Complexity Level | Quantum (Rs. Cr.) | Rating                                                        |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited | Not Applicable | Bank Guarantee (BLR) | Not Applicable   | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Simple           | 4.50              | ACUITE A4<br> <br>Reaffirmed<br>  Issuer<br>not co-operating* |
| Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited | Not Applicable | Cash Credit          | Not Applicable   | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Simple           | 5.00              | ACUITE B+<br> <br>Reaffirmed<br>  Issuer<br>not co-operating* |
| Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited | Not Applicable | Term Loan            | Not available    | Not available  | Not available  | Simple           | 0.50              | ACUITE B+<br> <br>Reaffirmed<br>  Issuer<br>not co-operating* |

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