

Press Release

Expovan

April 18, 2023



Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	40.00	ACUITE C Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	40.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded the long-term rating to 'ACUITE C' (read as ACUITE C) from 'ACUITE B+' (read as ACUITE B plus) on the Rs. 40.00 crore bank facilities of Expovan. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

The downgrade is based on publicly available information which implies that there are delays in servicing debt obligations.

About the Company

Expovan was set up in 2015 by Mr R Mahendran as a partnership firm. Expovan is a 100% export-oriented unit and has set up a 22,000 square feet factory in Pollachi, Tamil Nadu for processing and exporting of natural Vanilla -- its beans, pods and powder.

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.

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

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

Rating Sensitivity

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

Material Covenants

Not Applicable.

Liquidity Position

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

Outlook

Not Applicable

Other Factors affecting Rating

None

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

"Crisil vide its press release dated 13.04.2023, had downgraded the company to CRISIL D; Issuer Not Cooperating

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

- Manufacturing Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.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.

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
13 Apr 2022	Packing Credit	Long Term	40.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
06 Jan 2021	Packing Credit	Long Term	40.00	ACUITE BB- (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
State Bank of India	Not Applicable	PC/PCFC	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	40.00	ACUITE C Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*

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