

Press Release

Petro Plast Industries Limited

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Rating Downgraded

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs.65.00 Cr.
Long Term Rating	ACUITE D (Downgraded from ACUITE BB /Stable)
Short Term Rating	ACUITE D (Downgraded from ACUITE A4+)

* Refer Annexure for details

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded long-term rating to '**ACUITE D**' (**read as ACUITE D**) from **ACUITE BB** (**read as ACUITE double B**) and short-term rating to '**ACUITE D**' (**read as ACUITE D**) from **ACUITE A4+** (**read as ACUITE A four plus**) to the Rs.65.00 crore bank facilities of Petro Plast Industries Limited (PPIL).

The downgrade of the rating reflects continuous overdrawals in its working capital limits for over thirty days, and devolvement in its letter of credit facilities.

PPIL, incorporated in 1995, is a Chennai-based company promoted by Mr. Om Prakash Agarwal and family members. The company is engaged in the trading of polymers and chemical products. The company supplies its products to more than 200 customers across South India. It is a part of Petro group, which is into real estate, polymer and chemical trading business.

BB Asia Impex Private Limited (BBAI), incorporated in 1995, is a Chennai-based company promoted by Mr. Om Prakash Agarwal and family members. The company is engaged in the trading of polymers and chemicals.

Analytical Approach

Acuité has consolidated the business and financial risk profiles of Petro Plast Industries Limited (PPIL) and BB Asia Impex Private Limited (BBAI) referred to as the Petro Group. The consolidation is in view of the common management, similarities in the business models and operational synergies.

Key Rating Drivers

Strengths

- **Long track record of operations and experienced management**

The Petro group is in the said line of business since 1995. The promoter possess more than three decades of experience in the industry. Long track record of operations is expected to support in improvement of its business risk profile.

Weaknesses

- **Delays in servicing debt obligations**

The rating reflects devolvement of bills under its letter of credit, continuous over drawls in its working capital limits for over 30 days lead to classification of the account as SMA-1; the stretch is owing to delay in receivables.

- **Below average financial risk profile**

Financial risk profile of the group is weak marked by moderately high total outside liabilities to total net worth (TOL/TNW), moderate gearing (Debt to Equity ratio), weak debt protection metrics and debt service coverage ratio (DSCR). TOL/TNW is moderately high at 3.73 times as on 31 March, 2018 as against 4.22 times as on 31 March, 2017. Gearing is moderate at 1.95 times as on 31 March, 2018 as against 1.87 times as on 31 March, 2017. Net worth stood at Rs.39.01 crore as on 31 March 2018, as against Rs.37.40 crore as on 31 March, 2017 (includes quasi equity of Rs.14.55 crore). Of the total debt of Rs.76.02 crore, long term debt constitutes Rs.2.38 crore, unsecured loan of Rs.1.84 crore and

working capital loan of Rs.71.80 crore. Debt protection metrics of interest coverage ratio (ICR) and net cash accruals to total debt are weak at 1.12 times and 0.01 times respectively in FY2018. Debt service coverage ratio is weak at 0.90 times in FY2018 as against 0.96 times as on 31 March, 2017. The company reported net cash accruals of Rs.1.00 crore against repayment obligations of Rs.2.33 crore in FY2018.

• Working capital intensive operations

Operations of the group are working capital intensive marked by high Gross Current Assets (GCA) which stood at 225 days in FY2018 as against 244 days in FY2017. This is mainly due to stretch in debtors which stood at 127 days in FY2018 as against 160 days in FY2017. Of the total debtors of Rs.91.72 crore for FY2018, debtors exceeding six months stood high at Rs.32.4 crore. Further, inventory cycle stood high at 95 days in FY2018 as against 85 days in FY2017. Devolvement of letter of credit bills and stretch in working capital management lead to continuous overdrawals in its working capital limits. Acuité believes that operations are expected to be working capital intensive with stretched debtors and moderate inventory management.

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

	Unit	FY18 (Actual)	FY17 (Actual)	FY16 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	263.01	260.23	232.38
EBITDA	Rs. Cr.	11.53	14.41	11.74
PAT	Rs. Cr.	0.79	1.31	1.38
EBITDA Margin	(%)	4.38	5.54	5.05
PAT Margin	(%)	0.30	0.50	0.59
ROCE	(%)	10.95	14.77	26.23
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	1.95	1.87	1.68
PBDIT/Interest	Times	1.12	1.16	1.21
Total Debt/PBDIT	Times	6.15	4.58	4.73
Gross Current Assets (Days)	Days	225	244	207

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

None

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

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/criteria-default.htm>
- Trading Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-6.htm>
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-20.htm>
- Consolidation of Companies - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-22.htm>

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument

<https://www.acuite.in/criteria-complexity-levels.htm>

Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
27-Nov-2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	15.00	ACUITE BB / Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	50.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
19-Sep-2016	Cash Credit	Long Term	15.00	ACUITE BB / Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	50.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)

16-Jul-2015	Cash Credit	Long Term	15.00	ACUITE BB / Stable (Assigned)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	50.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)

***Annexure – Details of instruments rated**

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	15.00	ACUITE D (Downgraded)
Letter of credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	50.00	ACUITE D (Downgraded)

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