

Press Release

Komal Exotic Spices Private Limited

December 21, 2021



Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	22.00		ACUITE A4 Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Loan Ratings	2.00	ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	
Total	24.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded the long-term rating to 'ACUITE B+' (read as ACUITE single B plus) from 'ACUITE BB-' (read as ACUITE double B minus) and the short term rating to 'ACUITE A4' (read as ACUITE A four) from 'ACUITE A4+' (read as ACUITE A four plus) on the Rs. 24.00 crore bank facilities of Komal Exotic Spices Private Limited (KESPL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

About the Company

KESPL, incorporated in 2009, is a Mumbai-based company engaged in the import, processing and trading of spices such as cloves, black pepper, cumin seeds and cinnamon. The company is promoted by Mr. Gopaal Ahuja and family. The company's head office is located at The Mumbai Agricultural Produce Market (APMC) at Vashi - Asia's largest regulated market for agricultural produce. The company has two godown-cum processing facilities located within the market wherein it carries out cleaning, sorting, grading and packing of spices. The company procures around 40 percent of its material from Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Africa, among others.

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.

This rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer not-cooperating", in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuite'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). Acuite endeavored to gather information about the entity/industry from the public domain. Therefore, Acuite 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 requests.

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.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

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

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

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
28 Sep 2020	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	17.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Letter of Credit	Short Term	5.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
04 Jul 2019	Letter of Credit	Short Term	17.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BB (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Letter of Credit	Short Term	5.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
20 Apr 2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BB Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	17.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Letter of Credit	Short Term	5.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
12 Jan 2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BB Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	17.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Letter of Credit	Short Term	5.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
19 Oct 2015	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BB Stable (Assigned)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	15.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)
	Proposed Letter of Credit	Short Term	7.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Initial Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	2.00	2.00	ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB-)
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited	Not Applicable	Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	17.00	17.00	ACUITE A4 Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE A4+)
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Proposed Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	5	5.00	ACUITE A4 Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE A4+)

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