

Press Release

SSF Limited

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Rating Update



Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 10.79 Cr.#
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*

#Refer Annexure for details

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

Acuité has reviewed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE BB-**' (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) and short term rating to '**ACUITE A4+**' (read as **ACUITE A four plus**) on the Rs.10.79 crore bank facilities of SSF Limited (SSFL). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

Chennai-based SSFL, incorporated in 1968, is engaged in the export of raw frozen prawns and shrimps to the European Union, Japan, China, Vietnam and Middle East. The processing units (leased out) are located at Visakhapatnam and Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh.

Non-cooperation by the issue or borrower:

Acuité has been requesting for data, information and undertakings from the rated entity for conducting surveillance and review of the rating. However, the issuer or borrower failed to submit such information before due date.

This rating is therefore being flagged as "Issuer not-cooperating", in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuité's policies.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-17.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-4.htm>

Limitation regarding information availability:

The rating is based on information available from sources other than the issuer or borrower (in the absence of information provided by the issuer or borrower). Acuité endeavored to gather information about the entity or 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 requests.

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.

Rating History (Up to last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Ratings/Outlook
07-May-2018	Term Loan	Long Term	0.44	ACUITE BB-Issuer not co-operating*
	Bill Discounting	Short Term	6.00	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Packaging Credit	Short Term	4.00	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Proposed Term Loan	Long Term	0.35	ACUITE BB-Issuer not co-operating*
14-March-2017	Term Loan	Long Term	0.44	ACUITE BB-/Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Bill Discounting	Short Term	6.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
	Packaging Credit	Short Term	4.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Term Loan	Long Term	0.35	ACUITE BB-/Stable (Reaffirmed)

*Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
Packaging Credit	Short Term	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	4.00	ACUITE A4+ (Indicative)
Bill Discounting	Short Term	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	6.00	ACUITE A4+ (Indicative)
Term Loan	Long Term	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.44	ACUITE BB- (Indicative)
Proposed Term Loan	Long Term	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.35	ACUITE BB- (Indicative)

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