



Press Release
DURRUNG TEA ESTATE LIMITED (ERSTWHILE KNOWN AS SPBP TE
(INDIA) LIMITED)

December 12, 2023

Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	7.15	ACUITE B+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	7.15	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE B+**' (read as **ACUITE B plus**) on the Rs.7.15 crore bank facilities of Durrung Tea Estate Limited (erstwhile known as SPBP Tea (India) Limited). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Incorporated in 1981, in the Darrang district of Assam, Durrung Tea Estate Limited (erstwhile known as SPBP Tea (India) Limited) is engaged in tea manufacturing and processing business. The company is part of the Jalan Industries Private Limited. The company mainly cultivates and manufactures orthodox tea (loose tea leaf) and curl tea (CTC), under the brand name 'Durrung'. Durrung Tea estate spreads across 571 hectares of garden area with 390 hectares of plantation area. The Directors of Durrung Tea Estate Limited are Mr Dwija Das Chatterjee, Mr Mrityunjay Jalan, Mr Vadakkillam Satheesan Nayar and Ms Avantika Jalan. Jalan group has many tea companies owned and operated by the Jalan family for four consecutive generations. Founded in 1939 by Mr. Murleidhor Jalan and presently they manage five tea estates in Upper Assam

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. Acuite 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 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.

Rating Sensitivity

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

All Covenants

Not Applicable

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 23 (Actual)	FY 22 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	15.46	12.93
PAT	Rs. Cr.	1.02	(2.45)
PAT Margin	(%)	6.61	(18.94)
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	35.80	(22.49)
PBDIT/Interest	Times	4.25	(3.19)

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

Any other information

None

Applicable Criteria

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

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Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
03 Oct 2022	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	2.25	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	4.90	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
13 Jul 2021	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	2.25	ACUITE BB- (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	4.90	ACUITE BB- (Issuer not co-operating*)
17 Apr 2020	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	2.25	ACUITE BB- Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	4.90	ACUITE BB- Stable (Reaffirmed)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Complexity Level	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Punjab National Bank	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	4.90	ACUITE B+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	2.25	ACUITE B+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*

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