



Press Release

DURRUNG TEA ESTATE LIMITED (erstwhile SPBP TEA (INDIA) LIMITED)

March 11, 2025

Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	7.15	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	7.15	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

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

Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded the long-term rating to ‘**ACUITE B**’ (read as **ACUITE B**) from ‘**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) on account of information risk. 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.

Unsupported Rating

Not Applicable

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

This rating is based on information available from sources other than the issuer / borrower (in the absence of information provided by the issuer / borrower) . Acuite endeavoured to gather information about the entity/industry from the public domain. Any rating with the suffix 'Issuer not cooperating' is assigned without any management interaction with the issuer entity or any data / information from the entity. Sometimes this non co-operation by a

rated entity may be due to a result of deterioration in the credit risk profile of the entity. 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."

Liquidity Position

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

Outlook

Not Applicable

Other Factors affecting Rating

None

Key Financials

Particulars	Unit	FY 24 (Actual)	FY 23 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	12.80	15.46
PAT	Rs. Cr.	(2.60)	1.02
PAT Margin	(%)	(20.35)	6.61
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	(7.20)	35.80
PBDIT/Interest	Times	(2.62)	4.25

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
12 Dec 2023	Cash Credit	Long Term	4.90	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	2.25	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
03 Oct 2022	Cash Credit	Long Term	4.90	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB-)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	2.25	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB-)

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Annexure - Details of instruments rated

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

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