

Press Release

Alpine Distilleries Private Limited

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Rating Update

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| Total Bank Facilities Rated* | Rs. 75.66 Cr.# |
| Long Term Rating | ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from 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 downgraded the long term rating to '**ACUITE BB-**' (**read as ACUITE double B minus**) from '**ACUITE BB**' (**read as ACUITE double B**) and reviewed the short-term rating of '**ACUITE A4+**' (**read as ACUITE A four plus**) on the Rs. 75.66 crore bank facilities of Alpine Distilleries Private Limited (ADPL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

The Kolkata-based Alpine Distilleries Private Limited (ADPL), the erstwhile Agnes Impex Private Limited was established in 2002 and commenced commercial operations in 2012. The company was promoted by Mr. Debraj Mukherjee Balbir Singh Malhotra and Mr. Debasis Mukherjee (Directors). It is engaged in the manufacture of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) and country spirit at Hooghly, West Bengal. The installed capacity stands at 175000 and 200000 cases per month for IMFL and country spirit, respectively. The company undertakes bottling for reputed brands such as Officers Choice and Old Monk.

For FY 2014–15, ADPL reported profit after tax (PAT) of Rs.1.96 crore on total operating income of Rs. 100.16 crore, as compared with PAT of Rs.1.03 crore on total operating income of Rs. 60.58 crore in FY 2013–14. The net worth stood at Rs. 28.81 crore as on March 31, 2015, as compared with Rs. 24.08 crore a year earlier.

Non-cooperation by the issuer/borrower:

Acuité 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 Acuité's policies.

Applicable Criteria

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

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). Acuité endeavored to gather information about the entity/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.

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

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

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 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--|
| 31-Dec-2019 | Cash Credit | Long Term | 1.25 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| | Cash Credit | Long Term | 3.05 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| | Proposed Term Loan | Long Term | 55.00 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 11.07 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 4.34 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| | Bank Guarantee | Short Term | 0.95 | ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating* |
| 06-Oct-2018 | Cash Credit | Long Term | 1.25 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| | Cash Credit | Long Term | 3.05 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| | Proposed Term Loan | Long Term | 55.00 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 11.07 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 4.34 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| | Bank Guarantee | Short Term | 0.95 | ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating* |
| 09-Mar-2017 | Cash Credit | Long Term | 1.25 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| | Cash Credit | Long Term | 3.05 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| | Proposed Term Loan | Long Term | 55.00 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 11.07 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 4.34 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| | Bank Guarantee | Short Term | 0.95 | ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating* |

#Annexure – Details of instruments rated

| Name of the Facilities | Date of Issuance | Coupon Rate | Maturity Date | Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore) | Ratings/Outlook |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Cash Credit | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | 1.25 | ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating* |
| Cash Credit | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | 3.05 | ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating* |
| Proposed Term Loan | Not Available | Not Available | Not Available | 55.00 | ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) |

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| | | | | | Issuer not co-operating* |
| Term Loan | Not Available | Not Available | Not Available | 11.07 | ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating* |
| Term Loan | Not Available | Not Available | Not Available | 4.34 | ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating* |
| Bank Guarantee | Not Available | Not Available | Not Available | 0.95 | ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating* |

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