

Press Release
Duncans Tea Limited

April 15, 2022



Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	18.00	ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	18.00	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded the long term rating to '**ACUITE BB+**' (read as ACUITE double B plus) from 'ACUITE BBB-' (read as ACUITE triple B minus) on the Rs. 18.00 crore bank facilities of Duncans Tea Limited. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

About the Company

Duncans Tea Limited (DTL), part of the Duncans Group, was incorporated in 1979. A Kolkata-based company, DTL is engaged in blending, packaging and marketing of tea through its distribution network spread across India. The company is one of the oldest players in the packaged tea market. The overall operations are managed by the directors Mr. Shrivardhan Goenka, Mr. Shrish Tapuriah, Mr. Maneyapanda Chinnappa Appaiah and Mr. Sudipta Kumar Mitra.

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. Acuité believes that information risk is a critical component in such ratings, and non-cooperation by the issuer along with an unwillingness to provide information could be a sign of potential deterioration in its overall credit quality. This rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer not-cooperating", in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuité'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. 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 ratings are based.

Rating Sensitivities

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

Material Covenants

None

Liquidity Position

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

Outlook

Not Applicable

Key Financials:

Not Available

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

None

Any other information

None

Applicable Criteria

- Application Of Financial Ratios And Adjustments: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.htm>

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
22 Jan 2021	Cash Credit	Long Term	18.00	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Reaffirmed)
07 Oct 2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	18.00	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Reaffirmed)
25 Jul 2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	18.00	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE BB+ Stable)
12 May 2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	18.00	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
18 Feb 2016	Cash Credit	Long Term	18.00	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Assigned)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
UCO Bank	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	18.00	ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*

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