

Press Release

Karavali Freezers and Exporters

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Rating Downgraded



Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs.15.00 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE D Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE D Issuer not co-operating*

#Refer Annexure for details

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

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded the long term rating to '**ACUITE D**' (read as **ACUITE D**) from '**ACUITE BB-**' (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) and short term rating to '**ACUITE D**' (read as **ACUITE D**) from '**ACUITE A4+**' (read as **ACUITE A four plus**) to the Rs.15.00 crore bank facilities of Karavali Freezers and Exporters. This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

The rating action reflects instances of over drawals in working capital limits.

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 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/criteria-default.htm>
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/criteria-fin-ratios.htm>
- Entities In Manufacturing Sector - <https://www.acuite.in/criteria-manufacturing.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 endeavoured 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.

About the Rated Entity:

Established in 2010, Karavali Freezers and Exporters (KFE), part of the Karnataka-based Karavali Group is engaged in the processing and export of seafood to US, Canada, China, Thailand, Middle East, South East and Asian countries. The storage capacity of the firm is 1000 MT while the freezing capacity is 72 metric tons per day.

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 (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
25-Jul-2017	Packing Credit	Short Term	11.50	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	3.50	ACUITE BB-/ Stable (Reaffirmed)
09-Mar-2016	Packing Credit	Short Term	11.50	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	3.50	ACUITE BB-/ Stable (Assigned)

*Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
Packing Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	11.50	ACUITE D (Indicative)
Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3.50	ACUITE D (Indicative)

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