



Press Release
Karavali Freezers and Exporters
December 26, 2024
Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	3.50	ACUITE D Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	11.50	-	ACUITE D Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	15.00	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

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

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed the long-term rating of ‘**ACUITE D**’ (read as **ACUITE D**) and short term rating of ‘**ACUITE D**’ (read as **ACUITE Do**) on the Rs. 15.00 crore bank facilities of Karavali Freezers & Exporters. The rating continues to be flagged as “Issuer Not-Cooperating” and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Established in 2010, Karavali Freezers & 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. Directors of Karavali Freezers And Exporters are Namitha Shetty, Lohith Kumar and Udaya Shetty.

About the Group

The Karavali Group constitutes Karavali Freezers & Exporters (established in 2010) and Karavali Ocean Products Private Limited (incorporated in 2011). The group was promoted by Mr. Muniyalu Udaya Shetty, Ms. Namitha Shetty and Mr. Lohith Kumar who possess around three decades of experience in the processing of seafood. The processing unit is located at Udupi. The total storage capacity of the group is 2080 MT with freezing capacity of 145 metric tons per day.

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 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 rating is based.

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

The rated entity has not shared the latest financial statements despite repeated requests.

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

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>
- Consolidation Of Companies: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-60.htm>

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument

In order to inform the investors about complexity of instruments, Acuité has categorized such instruments in three levels: Simple, Complex and Highly Complex. Acuite's categorisation of the instruments across the three categories is based on factors like variability of the returns to the investors, uncertainty in cash flow patterns, number of counterparties and general understanding of the instrument by the market. It has to be understood that complexity is different from credit risk and even an instrument categorized as 'Simple' can carry high levels of risk. For more details, please refer Rating Criteria "Complexity Level Of Financial Instruments" on www.acuite.in.

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
28 Sep 2023	Term Loan	Long Term	3.50	ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	PC/PCFC	Short Term	11.50	ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
30 Jun 2022	PC/PCFC	Short Term	11.50	ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	3.50	ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
01 Apr 2021	Cash Credit	Long Term	3.50	ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	PC/PCFC	Short Term	11.50	ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)

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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
Canara Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	PC/PCFC	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	11.50	Simple	ACUITE D Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Canara Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	3.50	Simple	ACUITE D Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*

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