

Press Release



Paul & Company Steel Merchants Private Limited

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 32.00 Cr.#
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) 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**) from '**ACUITE BB+**' (**read as ACUITE double B plus**) on the Rs. 32.00 crore bank facilities of Paul & Company Steel Merchants Private Limited (PCSM). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

West Bengal based PCSM, incorporated in 1985, is engaged in trading as sole distributor of Tata Tiscon (Tata Steel) in West Bengal for Howrah and Hooghly district. The company facilitates distributorship through 2 branches in West Bengal managing 120 dealers in two districts. Exclusivity arrangement with TATA Steel apart from Paul & Co, Tata Steel has 6 other distributors in other regions of West Bengal. Directors of Paul & Company Steel Merchants Private Limited are Suvajit Paul, Krishna Paul, Surajit Paul and Sunil Krishna Paul.

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>
- Trading Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-61.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
14-Jan-2020	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	17.00	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Inventory Funding	Long Term	15.00	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
15-Oct-2018	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	17.00	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Inventory Funding	Long Term	15.00	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
24-Oct-2017	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	17.00	ACUITE BB+/ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Inventory Funding	Long Term	15.00	ACUITE BB+/ Stable (Reaffirmed)

#Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
Secured Overdraft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	17.00	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
Inventory Funding	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	15.00	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*

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