



Press Release

Balaji Associates

October 13, 2018

Rating Update

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| Total Bank Facilities Rated* | Rs. 10.00 Cr. # |
| Long Term Rating | ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating* |

#Refer Annexure for details

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

Rating Rationale

Acuité has reviewed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE BB-**' (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) on the Rs.10.00 crore bank facilities of Balaji Associates (BA). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

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/view-rating-criteria-17.htm>
- Trading Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-6.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:

BA is a Tamil Nadu based partnership firm established in the year 2011 forming part of Prabhat Group of Companies. The partners of the firm are Mr. Jithendra D. Patel and Mr. Dalsuk D. Patel. The firm engaged in trading and processing of imported timbers. It also provides wood planning and sizing services to local firms situated in Trichy.

For FY2014-15, Balaji Associates reported profit after tax (PAT) of Rs.0.84 crore on operating income of Rs.113.46 crore, as compared with PAT of Rs.0.49 crore on operating income of Rs.96.12 crore for FY2013-2014

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA (if applicable)

None

Any other information

Acuite 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 |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 31-Aug-17 | Cash Credit | Long term | 9.75 | ACUITE BB-(Indicative) |
| | Proposed Working Capital Demand Loan | Long term | 0.25 | ACUITE BB-(Indicative)) |
| 21-Apr-16 | Cash Credit | Long term | 9.75 | ACUITE BB-/Stable (Assigned) |
| | Proposed Working Capital Demand Loan | Long term | 0.25 | 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. Crore) | Ratings/Outlook |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Cash Credit | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | 9.75 | ACUITE BB-Issuer not co-operating* |
| Proposed Working Capital Demand Loan | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | 0.25 | ACUITE BB-Issuer not co-operating* |

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