

Press Release

Arasu Autos

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 7.75 Cr. #
Long Term Rating (Indicative)	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating (Indicative)	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*

Refer Annexure for details

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

Acuité has reviewed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE B+**' (**read as ACUITE B plus**) and short-term rating of '**ACUITE A4**' (**read as ACUITE A four**) on the Rs. 7.75 crore bank facilities of ARASU AUTOS THANJAVUR (AAT). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

Arasu Auto (Thanjavur) was established in the year 1990 and is engaged in 2W dealership of Bajaj Auto in Thanjavur under the brand name Arasu Bajaj. The operations of the firm are managed by Mr. R.Thirunavukkarasu, Managing Partner who has over two decades of experience in this line of business. Arasu Auto (Thanjavur) has around 15 branches for two wheelers across Thanjavur and is the sole dealer for Bajaj Auto Limited in this region.

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>
- 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 - 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 (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
15-Nov-2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	7.00	ACUITE B+/Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.75	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed)

18-Sept-2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	7.00	ACUITE B+/Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.75	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed)

#Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	7.00	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.75	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*

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