

Press Release

SHANTHARAM TRADING CORPORATION

September 11, 2024

Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Sh
Bank Loan Ratings	5.00	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	5.00	-	-



Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded the long-term rating to 'ACUITE B' (read as ACUITE B) from 'ACUITE B+' (read as ACUITE B plus) on the Rs.5.00 crore bank facilities of Shantharam Trading Corporation (STC) on account of information risk. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Shantharam Trading Corporation (STC) established in 1948 is a Tamil Nadu based partnership firm engaged in processing and trading of spices and pluses. The products include Coriander seeds (Dhaniya), Chilli, Black gram (Urad Dal), Green gram (Moong Dal), Green peas, Lentils (Masoor Dal). The firm caters to Reliance Retail Limited, Aditya Birla Retail Limited, Avenue Supermarts Ltd (Dmart), Future Group (Big Bazaar), State government, APMC market in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The partners, Mr. K Rajaram, Mr. Prathap Singh and Mr. Yogesh possess extensive experience in the aforementioned line of business.

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 Acuite'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). Acuite endeavored to gather information about the entity/industry from the public domain. Therefore, Acuite cautions lenders and investors regarding the use of such information, on which the indicative credit ratings based.

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

Key Financials

Particulars	Unit	FY 19 (Provisional)	FY 18 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	18.70	18.43
PAT	Rs. Cr.	0.29	0.29
PAT Margin	(%)	1.55	1.57
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	2.28	2.80
PBDIT/Interest	Times	1.59	1.54

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>
- Trading Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-61.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Application Of Financial Ratios And Adjustments: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm>

Note on Complexity Levels of the Rated Instrument

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Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
14 Jun 2023	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
28 Mar 2022	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Complexity Level	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited	Not avl. / Not appl.	Secured Overdraft	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	5.00	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE B+)

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