

Press Release

Neo Sports Broadcast Private Limited

August 10, 2022



Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	32.00	ACUITE D Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	32.00	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE D' (read as ACUITE D)** on the Rs.32.00 Crore bank facilities of NEO SPORTS BROADCAST PRIVATE LIMITED. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

NSBPL, incorporated in 2006, is a sports broadcast company based out of Mumbai, promoted by AKASH CHANDRA KHURANA and HARISH KANAYALAL THAWANI, that operates two channels - Neo Prime and Neo Sports. The company is owned by Zenith Sports Private Limited (90 percent) and Funderburk Enterprises Limited (10 percent). Zenith Sports Private Limited is a 100 percent subsidiary of Nimbus Communications Limited. NSBPL has telecast rights for non-cricket events in India/Indian-subcontinent or Asia.

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 an 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 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."

Material Covenants

None

Liquidity Position

"No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon."

Outlook

Not Applicable

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

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.

Applicable Criteria

- Service Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.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

<https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-55.htm>

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
12 May 2021	Cash Credit	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE D (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	15.00	ACUITE D (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	7.00	ACUITE D (Issuer not co-operating*)
26 Feb 2020	Cash Credit	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE D (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	15.00	ACUITE D (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	7.00	ACUITE D (Issuer not co-operating*)
19 Dec 2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE D (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	15.00	ACUITE D (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	7.00	ACUITE D (Issuer not co-operating*)
05 Oct 2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE B- Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	15.00	ACUITE B- Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	7.00	ACUITE B- Stable (Reaffirmed)

01 Jul 2016	Cash Credit	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE B- Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	15.00	ACUITE B- Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	7.00	ACUITE B- Stable (Assigned)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
DBS Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	10.00	ACUITE D Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
DBS Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	15.00	ACUITE D Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
DBS Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	7.00	ACUITE D Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*

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