

Press Release

Forest Press Machineries Private Limited

December 28, 2022



Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	15.25	ACUITE B Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	2.75	-	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	18.00	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE B' (read as ACUITE B)** and short-term rating of '**ACUITE A4' (read as ACUITE A four)** on the Rs.18.00 Cr bank facilities of Forest Press Machineries Private Limited (FPMPL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not Co-operating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Forest Press Machineries Private Limited (FPMPL) was incorporated in 2015 by Mr. Manoj Kumar Pillai (MD, Hess India) and Mr. Peter Bullock (Chairman, Forest Press Hydraulics, UK). The company is engaged in the assembling, testing and selling of industrial machinery used in the production of building materials for construction and infrastructure industries. FPMPL specialises in wet-press and wet-cast technology in the Indian market. The manufacturing unit is located at Bommasandra in Bangalore (Karnataka).

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 rating is based.

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

Other Factors affecting Rating

Not Applicable

Key Financials

Particulars	Unit	FY 18 (Actual)	FY 17 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	24.32	10.52
PAT	Rs. Cr.	1.73	0.26
PAT Margin	(%)	7.13	2.47
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	3.93	5.77
PBDIT/Interest	Times	4.15	2.88

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

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.

Applicable Criteria

- Infrastructure Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-51.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

In order to inform the investors about complexity of instruments, Acuité has categorized such instruments in three levels: Simple, Complex and Highly Complex. Acuite's categorisation of the instruments across the three categories is based on factors like variability of the returns to the investors, uncertainty in cash flow patterns, number of counterparties and general understanding of the instrument by the market. It has to be understood that complexity is different from credit risk and even an instrument categorized as 'Simple' can carry high levels of risk. For more details, please refer Rating Criteria "Complexity Level Of Financial Instruments" on www.acuite.in.

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
08 Oct 2021	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE B (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Packing Credit	Short Term	2.20	ACUITE A4 (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.55	ACUITE A4 (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	13.25	ACUITE B (Issuer not co-operating*)
17 Jul 2020	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.55	ACUITE A4 (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Packing Credit	Short Term	2.20	ACUITE A4 (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE B (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	13.25	ACUITE B (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
27 Feb 2020	Term Loan	Long Term	13.25	ACUITE BB- (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.55	ACUITE A4 (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Packing Credit	Short Term	2.20	ACUITE A4 (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BB- (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
State Bank of India	Not Applicable	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	0.55	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
State Bank of India	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	2.00	ACUITE B Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Proposed Packing Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	2.20	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
State Bank of India	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	Simple	13.25	ACUITE B Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*

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