

Press Release

Western India Media Private Limited

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Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	6.50	ACUITE B- Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	6.50	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed the long term rating of '**ACUITE B-**' (read as **ACUITE B minus**) on the Rs.6.50 crore bank facilities of Western India Media Private Limited (WIMPL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

WIMPL, incorporated in 2011 is a Surat-based publisher and distributor of 'Gujarat Guardian', a Gujarati daily. The company is headed by Mr. Manoj Mistry, Director.

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 noncooperation 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.

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

Other Factors affecting Rating

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

- Manufacturing Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.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
19 Jul 2021	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE B- (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	4.50	ACUITE B- (Issuer not co-operating*)
20 Apr 2020	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE B- (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	4.50	ACUITE B- (Issuer not co-operating*)
04 Feb 2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE B- (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	4.50	ACUITE B- (Issuer not co-operating*)
13 Dec 2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE B- (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	4.50	ACUITE B- (Issuer not co-operating*)
12 Aug 2016	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE B- Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	4.50	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
Punjab National Bank	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	2.00	ACUITE B- Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Punjab National Bank	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	4.50	ACUITE B- Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*

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