

Press Release

Sea Foods Private Limited

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 14.82 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB- Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*

Refer Annexure for details`

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

ACUITE has reviewed and downgraded long term rating from '**ACUITE BB**' (**read as ACUITE double B**) to '**ACUITE BB-**' (**read as ACUITE double B minus**) and reaffirmed short term rating of '**ACUITE A4+**' (**read as ACUITE A four plus**) on the Rs 14.82 crore bank facilities Sea Foods Private Limited (SFPL). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

Sea Foods Private Limited is a marine export company limited by shares incorporated on 1st April 1992 but taken over by the existing management in the financial year 2012-13. The current management is in this business for more than a decade. They are involved in the export of a wide variety of marine products like Black Tiger Prawn, Vannamei, sea shrimps and fish to countries like Japan, Vietnam, China, USA and UAE.

The company employs technologies like IQF machine, flat freezer, blast freezer, flake ice machine; block ice project, whole project RO water, elisa machine, etc. in production and processing of its products. The processing units are utilized to the tune of 65-70 per cent. The company procures the raw materials like prawns, shrimps, Vannamei and fish from Shankarpur and Medinipur (West Bengal) and processes in its factory in Shankarpur. They procure the raw materials directly from fishermen and also from the agents. SFPL is a 100% exporting its products to USA, Japan, Vietnam, China, USA and UAE ; it sales are made under the brand name "Deep"

Analytical Approach

Acuité has considered the standalone business and financial risk profiles of SFPL to arrive at this rating.

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.

Acuité 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 Acuité's policies.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/criteria-default.htm>
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-20.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-4.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 endeavored 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 attempts.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA (if applicable)

Not applicable

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. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
08-Oct-2018	EPC/PCFC/ FBD/EBR	Long Term	13.00	ACUITE BB/Stable (Upgraded)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.22	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
	Standby Line of Credit	Short Term	1.60	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
13-Jul-2017	EPC/PCFC/ FBD/EBR	Long Term	8.00	ACUITE BB-/Stable (Assigned)
	Proposed EPC/PCFC/ FBD/EBR	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BB-/Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.94	ACUITE BB-/Stable (Withdrawn)
	Standby Line of Credit	Short Term	1.60	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.22	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
19-Sep-2016	EPC/PCFC/ FBD/EBR	Short Term	8.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.94	ACUITE BB-/Stable (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.22	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)

#Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings
EPC/PCFC/ FBD/EBR	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	13.00	ACUITE BB- Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.22	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*
Standby Line of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.60	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*

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