

## Press Release

Balaji Rice Mill.

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### Rating Downgraded, Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

| Product                            | Quantum<br>(Rs. Cr) | Long Term Rating                                 | Short Term Rating                                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| Bank Loan Ratings                  | 7.00                | ACUITE B   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating* | -   |
| Bank Loan Ratings                  | 4.50                | -  | ACUITE A4   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |
| Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 11.50               | -  | -   |

### Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE B**' (read as **ACUITE B**) from '**ACUITE B+**' (read as **ACUITE B plus**) and reaffirmed the short-term rating of '**ACUITE A4**' (read as **ACUITE A four**) on the Rs. 11.50 crore bank facilities of Balaji Rice Mill (Andhra Pradesh) on account of information risk. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not Co-operating" and is based on best available information.

### About the Company

Established in 1983, as a partnership firm, Balaji Rice Mill (Andhra Pradesh) is engaged in processing of raw and boiled rice. Based in Palakollu (Andhra Pradesh), the entity is promoted by Mr. Jagannadha Raju, Mr. Rama Koti Raju, Mr. Dharma Raju and Mr. Ramachandra Raju. The entity has sortex and milling installed capacity of 150 Tons per Day (TPD).

### About the Group

The group consists of Sri Satyalakshmi Rice Mill, Sri Jagannadha Surya Lakshmi Rice Mill and Balaji Rice Mill (Andhra Pradesh). Established in 1984, as a partnership firm, Sri Satyalakshmi Rice Mill is engaged in processing of raw and boiled rice. Based in Palakollu (Andhra Pradesh), the entity is promoted by Mr. Jagannadha Raju, Mr. Rama Koti Raju, Mr. Dharma Raju and Mr. Ramachandra Raju. The entity has sortex and milling installed capacity of 6 Tons per hour (TPH). Established in 1981, as a partnership firm, Sri Jagannadha Surya Lakshmi Rice Mill (SJSLRM) is engaged in processing of raw and boiled rice. Based in Palakollu (Andhra Pradesh), the entity is promoted by Mr. Jagannadha Raju, Mr. Rama Koti Raju, Mr. Dharma Raju and Mr. Ramachandra Raju. The entity has sortex and milling installed capacity of 6 Tons per hour (TPH). Established in 1983, as a partnership firm, Balaji Rice Mill (Andhra Pradesh) is engaged in processing of raw and boiled rice. Based in Palakollu (Andhra Pradesh), the entity is promoted by Mr. Jagannadha Raju, Mr. Rama Koti Raju, Mr. Dharma Raju and Mr. Ramachandra Raju. The entity has sortex and milling installed capacity of 150 Tons per Day (TPD).

## Unsupported Rating

Not Applicable

### 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 the due date.

Acuité believes that information risk is a critical component in such ratings, and noncooperation 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 co-operating", in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuité'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). 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.

**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. | 63.46               | 55.99          |
| PAT                           | Rs. Cr. | 0.10                | 0.06           |
| PAT Margin                    | (%)     | 0.16                | 0.11           |
| Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth | Times   | 1.54                | 1.23           |
| PBDIT/Interest                | Times   | 1.14                | 1.12           |

## 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>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Consolidation Of Companies: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-60.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                                    |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|---|
| 26 Apr 2023 | Bank Guarantee (BLR)           | Short Term | 4.50            | ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Cash Credit                    | Long Term  | 7.00            | ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
| 01 Feb 2022 | Cash Credit                    | Long Term  | 7.00            | ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Bank Guarantee (BLR)           | Short Term | 4.50            | ACUITE A4 (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  |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|---|
| Indian Bank   | Not avl. / Not appl. | Bank Guarantee (BLR) | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Simple           | 4.50              | ACUITE A4   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*                   |
| Indian Bank   | Not avl. / Not appl. | Cash Credit          | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Simple           | 7.00              | ACUITE B   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating* ( from ACUITE B+ ) |

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