

Press Release

Kalpatharu Liquor Distributors

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Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	14.00	ACUITE B+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	14.00	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE B+**' (read as **ACUITE B plus**) on the Rs. 14.00 crore bank facilities of Kalpatharu Liquor Distributors (KLD). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

KLD was started by Mr. S. Kantappa and family in 2007 as a sole distributor for Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) brands of Tilak Nagar Industries Limited (TNIL) in Karnataka. The management of KLD has experience for almost a decade in the given line of business. TNIL is a leading manufacturer of liquor in South India and the major categories are whisky, brandy, rum, vodka and Gin. The firm looks after the excise duty and other payments towards KSBCL (Karnataka State Beverages Corporation Limited) on behalf of TNIL. The firm markets the liquor products in Karnataka, Kerala and Andaman. The day to day operations of the firm is managed by Mr. Lingaraj who is well supported by experienced and qualified professionals.

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

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

- 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

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
14 Sep 2021	Cash Credit	Long Term	14.00	ACUITE B+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
30 Jun 2020	Cash Credit	Long Term	14.00	ACUITE B+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
17 Apr 2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	14.00	ACUITE B+ (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	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	14.00	ACUITE B+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*

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