

Press Release

Fernandes Brothers

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 22.00 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB 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.

Acuité has reviewed long-term rating of '**ACUITE BB** (read as **ACUITE double B**) and short term rating of '**ACUITE A4+** (read as '**ACUITE A four plus**) on the Rs. 22.00 crore bank facilities of Fernandes Brothers (FB). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

Fernandes Brothers, established in 1946 is a Mangalore-based partnership firm engaged in processing, export and merchant trading of cashews and allied products. The Managing Partner, Mr. Walter Souza took over the firm in 1986. The firm procures 90 percent of the cashew through import from African countries including Nigeria, Benin, and Ghana and exports the same to Vietnam, Korea, Bahrain, Canada as also US.

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.

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>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-4.htm>
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-20.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 endeavoured 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)

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.

Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
30-Nov-2016	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	1.90	ACUITE BB / Stable (Assigned)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	7.00	ACUITE BB / Stable (Assigned)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	13.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.10	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)
05-Feb-2018	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	1.90	ACUITE BB / Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	7.00	ACUITE BB / Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	13.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.10	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)

#Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings
Secured Overdraft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.90	ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating*
Secured Overdraft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	7.00	ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating*
Packing Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	13.00	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.10	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*

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