



Press Release
FERNANDES BROTHERS
March 04, 2025
Rating Downgraded, Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	22.90	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	10.10	-	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	33.00	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

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

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.33.00 crore bank facilities of Fernandes Brothers on account of information risk. The rating continues to be flagged as “Issuer Not-Cooperating” and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Fernandes Brothers established in the year 1946 is a Mangalore based partnership firm engaged in exporting of cashews and other cashew allied products. The managing partner Mr. Walter D Souza took over the organization in the year 1986. The firm procures cashew, 90 percent of the cashew through imports from African countries such as Nigeria, Benin, and Ghana. The firm exports to countries like Korea, Bahrain, Canada and US.

Unsupported Rating

Not Applicable

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 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 Acuite’s policies.

Limitation regarding information availability

This rating is based on information available from sources other than the issuer / borrower (in the absence of information provided by the issuer / borrower) . Acuite endeavoured to gather information about the entity/industry from the public domain. Any rating with the suffix 'Issuer not cooperating' is assigned without any management interaction with the issuer entity or any data / information from the entity. Sometimes this non co-operation by a rated entity may be due to a result of deterioration in the credit risk profile of the entity. 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 (Actual)	FY 18 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	163.52	444.41
PAT	Rs. Cr.	0.23	1.39
PAT Margin	(%)	0.14	0.31
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	2.27	3.04
PBDIT/Interest	Times	1.20	1.87

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>
- Trading Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-61.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

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Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
05 Dec 2023	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Short Term	0.10	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	PC/PCFC	Short Term	10.00	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	12.90	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
03 Oct 2022	PC/PCFC	Short Term	10.00	ACUITE A4 (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE A4+)
	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Short Term	0.10	ACUITE A4 (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE A4+)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	12.90	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB-)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB-)

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Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Complexity Level	Rating
Canara Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	0.10	Simple	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Canara Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	PC/PCFC	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	10.00	Simple	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Canara Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Secured Overdraft	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	10.00	Simple	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE B+)
Canara Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Secured Overdraft	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	12.90	Simple	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE B+)

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