

## Press Release

### Saraswathy Timbers and Saw Mills

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### Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	2.00	ACUITE B   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	7.20	-	ACUITE A4   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	9.20	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

### Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE B**' (read as **ACUITE B**) and short term rating of '**ACUITE A4**' (read as **ACUITE A four**) on the Rs. 9.20 crore bank facilities of Saraswathy Timbers and Saw Mills (STSM). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

### About the Company

STSM is a partnership firm established in 1988 by Mr. M.K.V.K. Paulrajan, Mrs. P. Vasanthi, Mr. P. Nithyanandarajan, Mr. P. Thangaprabu and Mr. N. Dinesh Kandasamy. The firm is a part of MKVK Group engaged in trading of timber. The firm is located at Pavoorchatram (Tamil Nadu)

### About the Group

MKVK Group established in 1988, is a Tamil Nadu-based group engaged in the trading of timber. The group comprises four firms viz. MKV Kandasamy Nadar (MKVKN), MKVK Timber Industries (MKVKTI), Saraswathy Timbers and Saw Mills (STSM) and Samy Saw Mills (SSM) and all of them are engaged in import of timber. The timber logs are imported from Malaysia, Ivory Coast, Dubai and Singapore which are sold in the domestic market.

### 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:

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 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

### Other Factors affecting Rating

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

- 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

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](http://www.acuite.in).

### Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
05 Nov 2021	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE B ( Issuer not co-operating*)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	7.10	ACUITE A4 ( Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.10	ACUITE A4 ( Issuer not co-operating*)

07 Aug 2020	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE B (Issuer not co- operating*)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.10	ACUITE A4 (Issuer not co- operating*)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	7.10	ACUITE A4 (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
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited	Not Applicable	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	0.10	ACUITE A4   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	2.00	ACUITE B   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited	Not Applicable	Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	7.10	ACUITE A4   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*

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