



Press Release

Ashoka Associates (AA)

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs.13.50 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 the long-term rating of '**ACUITE BB-**' (**read as ACUITE double B minus**) and short term rating of '**ACUITE A4**' (**read as ACUITE A four**) to the Rs.13.50 crore bank facilities of Ashoka Associates. This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

The Karnataka-based Ashoka Associates, a partnership firm established in 1998, is a Class-1 contractor for civil construction projects. The firm undertakes construction of roads, highways, bridges and buildings and related projects for government and semi-government.

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/view-rating-criteria-17.htm>
- InfrastructureEntities-<https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-14.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

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	Unit	FY16 (Actual)	FY15 (Actual)	FY14 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	28.57	8.10	10.29
EBITDA	Rs. Cr.	2.07	1.63	1.22
PAT	Rs. Cr.	1.30	1.07	0.81
EBITDA Margin	(%)	7.24	20.15	11.84
PAT Margin	(%)	4.56	13.16	7.87
ROCE (%)	(%)	21.46	20.70	20.56
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	1.18	1.61	1.95
PBDIT/Interest	Times	4.29	5.10	6.37
Total Debt/PBDIT	Times	2.18	3.15	2.76
Gross Current Assets (Days)	Days	86	496	62

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
29-Jan-2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.50	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.20	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	8.00	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	2.80	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*
12-Dec-2016	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.50	ACUITE BB- /Stable (Assigned)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.20	ACUITE BB- /Stable (Assigned)
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	8.00	ACUITE BB- /Stable (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	2.80	ACUITE A4 (Assigned)

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***Annexure – Details of instruments rated**

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	2.50	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.20	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	8.00	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	2.80	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*

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