

Press Release

Ashoka Associates

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 13.50 Cr.#
Long Term Rating	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from 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 downgraded the long term rating to '**ACUITE B+** (read as **ACUITE B plus**) from '**ACUITE BB-**' (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) and review the short-term rating of '**ACUITE A4**' (read as **ACUITE A four**) on the Rs. 13.50 crore bank facilities of Ashoka Associates (AA). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

The Karnataka-based Ashoka Associates, a partnership firm established in 1998 by Mr. C Ashoka, 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 the due date.

This rating continues to be 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-52.htm>
- Infrastructure Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-51.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 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.

Liquidity Indicators - "No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon."

Rating Sensitivity - "No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon."

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

The rated entity has not shared the latest financial statements despite repeated requests.

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 (Up to last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Ratings/Outlook
05-May-2020	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*
06-March-2019	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*
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*

#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 B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-) Issuer not co-operating*
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.20	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-) Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	8.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from 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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