Press Release

Ess Pee Knit Wear

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 22.50 Cr.#
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB (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 BB**' **(read as ACUITE double B)** from '**ACUITE BB+' (read as ACUITE double B plus)** and reviewed the short-term rating of **'ACUITE A4+' (read as ACUITE A four plus)** on the Rs. 22.50 crore bank facilities of Ess Pee Knit Wear (EPKW). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

Tirupur based - EPKW was established in 1992 by Mr. N. Palanisamy, Mr. T.S. Swaminathan and Mr. S. Mahesh Kumar. The firm is engaged in the business of manufacturing and export of hosiery goods (fashion apparels) for men, women and kids.

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
- Manufacturing Entities -https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.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
12-Dec-2019	Packing Credit	Short Term	13.75	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3) Issuer not co-operating*
	Post Shipment Credit	Short Term	2.50	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3) Issuer not co-operating*
	Standby Line of Credit	Long Term	1.50	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.18	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*
	Working Capital Term Loan	Long Term	0.96	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	0.61	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*
12-July-2019	Packing Credit	Short Term	13.75	ACUITE A3 Issuer not co-operating*
	Post Shipment Credit	Short Term	2.50	ACUITE A3 Issuer not co-operating*
	Standby Line of Credit	Long Term	1.50	ACUITE BBB- Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.18	ACUITE BBB- Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BBB- Issuer not co-operating*
	Working Capital Term Loan	Long Term	0.96	ACUITE BBB- Issuer not co-operating*
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	0.61	ACUITE BBB- Issuer not co-operating*
30-Apr-2018	Packing Credit	Short Term	13.75	ACUITE A3 (Reaffirmed)
	Post Shipment Credit	Short Term	2.50	ACUITE A3 (Reaffirmed)
	Standby Line of Credit	Long Term	1.50	ACUITE BBB- / Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.05	ACUITE A3 (Withdrawn)
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.18	ACUITE BBB- / Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BBB- / Stable (Assigned)
	Working Capital Term Loan	Long Term	0.96	ACUITE BBB- / Stable (Assigned)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	0.61	ACUITE BBB- / Stable (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
Packing Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	13.75	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*
Post Shipment Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	2.50	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*
Standby Line of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.50	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	1.18	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	2.00	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
Working Capital Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.96	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Bank Facility	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.61	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*

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