



**Press Release**  
**Ess Pee Knit Wear**  
**August 07, 2023**

**Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating**

| Product                                       | Quantum<br>(Rs. Cr) | Long Term Rating                                      | Short Term Rating                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Bank Loan Ratings                             | 6.25                | ACUITE BB-   Reaffirmed  <br>Issuer not co-operating* | -                                                     |
| Bank Loan Ratings                             | 16.25               | -                                                     | ACUITE A4+   Reaffirmed  <br>Issuer not co-operating* |
| <b>Total Outstanding<br/>Quantum (Rs. Cr)</b> | 22.50               | -                                                     | -                                                     |

**Rating Rationale**

Acuite has reaffirmed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE BB-**' (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) and 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 based on best available information.

**About the Company**

Tirupur based - Ess Pee Knit Wear (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:**

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). Acuite endeavored to gather information about the entity/industry from the public domain. Therefore, Acuite 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."

**Material Covenants**

Not Applicable

### **Liquidity Position**

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

### **Outlook**

Not Applicable

### **Other Factors affecting Rating**

Not Applicable

## Key Financials

| Particulars                   | Unit    | FY 17 (Actual) | FY 16 (Actual) |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| Operating Income              | Rs. Cr. | 131.96         | 110.39         |
| PAT                           | Rs. Cr. | 3.63           | 3.42           |
| PAT Margin                    | (%)     | 2.75           | 3.10           |
| Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth | Times   | 1.36           | 0.93           |
| PBDIT/Interest                | Times   | 6.16           | 3.63           |

### 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

- Manufacturing Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.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                                       |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 20 May 2022 | Standby Line of Credit         | Long Term  | 1.50            | ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Term Loan                      | Long Term  | 2.00            | ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Working Capital Term Loan      | Long Term  | 0.96            | ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Term Loan                      | Long Term  | 1.18            | ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Proposed Bank Facility         | Long Term  | 0.61            | ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Packing Credit                 | Short Term | 13.75           | ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)                |
|             | Post Shipment Credit           | Short Term | 2.50            | ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)                |
| 16 Feb 2021 | Term Loan                      | Long Term  | 2.00            | ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)  |
|             | Standby Line of Credit         | Long Term  | 1.50            | ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)  |
|             | Packing Credit                 | Short Term | 13.75           | ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)                |
|             | Term Loan                      | Long Term  | 1.18            | ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)  |
|             | Proposed Bank Facility         | Long Term  | 0.61            | ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)  |
|             | Working Capital Term Loan      | Long Term  | 0.96            | ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)  |
|             | Post Shipment Credit           | Short Term | 2.50            | 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                                             |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| State Bank of India | Not Applicable | PC/PCFC                          | Not Applicable   | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Simple           | 13.75             | ACUITE A4+   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |
| State Bank of India | Not Applicable | Post Shipment Credit             | Not Applicable   | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Simple           | 2.50              | ACUITE A4+   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |
| Not Applicable      | Not Applicable | Proposed Long Term Bank Facility | Not Applicable   | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Simple           | 0.61              | ACUITE BB-   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |
| State Bank of India | Not Applicable | Stand By Line of Credit          | Not Applicable   | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Simple           | 1.50              | ACUITE BB-   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |
| State Bank of India | Not Applicable | Term Loan                        | Not available    | Not available  | Not available  | Simple           | 1.18              | ACUITE BB-   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |
| State Bank of India | Not Applicable | Term Loan                        | Not available    | Not available  | Not available  | Simple           | 2.00              | ACUITE BB-   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |
| State Bank of India | Not Applicable | Working Capital Term Loan        | Not available    | Not available  | Not available  | Simple           | 0.96              | ACUITE BB-   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |

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