

Press Release

Microbiological Laboratory

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Rating Update



Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 6.75 Cr #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) 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 BB plus**) on the Rs.6.75 crore bank facilities of Microbiological Laboratory (MBL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

Established in 1977, MBL is a proprietorship concern headed by Mr. M. Mani. It provides a wide range of laboratory investigation services necessary for patient care in the discipline of biochemistry, clinical pathology, haematology, immunology and microbiology, among others. With its head office in Coimbatore, it has around 20 branches and 62 collection centres in the states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala.

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>
- Entities In Services Sector- <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.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.

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
08-July-2109	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.90	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long Term	5.85	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
16-Apr- 2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.90	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long Term	5.85	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
14-Feb-2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.90	ACUITE BB+/Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	5.85	ACUITE BB+/Stable (Assigned)

#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	0.90	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	5.85	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*

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