

Press Release

Microbiological Laboratory

December 27, 2021



Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	6.75	ACUITE BB- Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	
Total	6.75	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE BB-**' (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) from '**ACUITE BB**' (read as **ACUITE double B**) on the Rs. 6.75 crore bank facilities of Microbiological Laboratory (MBL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

About the Company

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.

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.

Rating Sensitivity

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

Liquidity Position

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

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

- Service Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>

• Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
30 Sep 2020	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.90	ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	5.85	ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
08 Jul 2019	Term Loan	Long Term	5.85	ACUITE BB+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.90	ACUITE BB+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
16 Apr 2018	Term Loan	Long Term	5.85	ACUITE BB+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.90	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

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Initial Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Union Bank of India	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.90	0.90	ACUITE BB- Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB)
Union Bank of India	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	31-12-2020	5.85	5.85	ACUITE BB- Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB)

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