



Press Release
Microbiological Laboratory
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Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

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

Rating Rationale

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

About the Company

Established in 1977, Microbiological Laboratory (ML) 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.

Unsupported Rating

Not Applicable

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. Acuité believes that information risk is a critical component in such ratings, and noncooperation 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 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.

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."

Outlook

Not Applicable

Other Factors affecting Rating

None

Key Financials

Particulars	Unit	FY 16 (Actual)	FY 15 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	25.39	22.68
PAT	Rs. Cr.	1.44	1.18
PAT Margin	(%)	5.67	5.19
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	0.63	0.71
PBDIT/Interest	Times	5.86	12.90

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

Any other information

None

Applicable Criteria

- Service Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.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

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Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
17 Mar 2023	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.90	ACUITE BB- (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	5.85	ACUITE BB- (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
27 Dec 2021	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.90	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB)
	Term Loan	Long Term	5.85	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Complexity Level	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Union Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	0.90	ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB-)
Union Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	5.85	ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB-)

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