

Press Release

Balaji Rice Industries

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 20.00 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*

Refer Annexure for details

* The issuer did not co-operate; Based on best available information.

Acuité has reviewed long-term rating of „**ACUITE BB-**’ (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) on the Rs. 20.00 crore bank facilities of Balaji Rice Industries (BRI). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

BRI was established in 1988 as a partnership firm by Mr. Pramod and Mr. Prakash Agrawal. The second generation entrepreneur, Mr. Abhinav Agrawal manages the day-to- day operations of the business. The firm is engaged in the processing, milling and sorting of non-basmati rice. The firm operates locally under the brand name of 'Natraj' and 'Maharaja'. BRI has two milling units at Raipur (Chhattisgarh) with installed capacity of 6 mtph for processing and 8 mtph for milling and sorting. The firm also exports to West Africa, Senegal, Singapore, Switzerland and Costa Rica.

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 due date.

This rating is therefore being flagged as "Issuer not-cooperating", in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuité's policies.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/criteria-default.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-4.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 endeavoured 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

	Unit	FY17 (Actual)	FY16 (Actual)	FY15 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	73.59	51.99	25.00
EBITDA	Rs. Cr.	0.93	0.67	0.67
PAT	Rs. Cr.	0.18	0.13	0.04
EBITDA Margin (%)	(%)	1.26	1.29	2.66
PAT Margin (%)	(%)	0.25	0.24	0.15
ROCE (%)	(%)	6.19	5.78	8.23
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	2.57	1.59	2.90
PBDIT/Interest	Times	2.17	3.07	2.83
Total Debt/PBDIT	Times	10.97	6.43	7.59
Gross Current Assets (Days)	Days	77	36	59

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 (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
02-Jan-2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	8.50	ACUITE BB- / Stable (Withdrawn)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.26	ACUITE BB- / Stable (Withdrawn)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.09	ACUITE BB- / Stable (Withdrawn)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.43	ACUITE BB- / Stable (Withdrawn)
	Proposed Packing Credit	Long Term	20.00	ACUITE BB- / Stable (Assigned)
27-Feb-2017	Term Loan	Long Term	8.50	ACUITE BB- / Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.26	ACUITE BB- / Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.09	ACUITE BB- / Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.43	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. Cr.)	Ratings
Proposed Packing Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	20.00	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*

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