

Press Release

Balaji Rice Industries

July 29, 2021



Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 20.00 Cr.#
Long Term Rating	ACUITE B+ (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 B+** (read as **ACUITE B plus**) from '**ACUITE BB-**' (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) on the Rs. 20.00 crore bank facilities of Balaji Rice Industries (BRI). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

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 the due date.

Acuité 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 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>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.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.

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

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

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
06-May-2020	Proposed Packing Credit	Long Term	20.00	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
15-Mar-2019	Proposed Packing Credit	Long Term	20.00	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
02-Jan-2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	8.50	ACUITE BB- (Withdrawn)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.26	ACUITE BB- (Withdrawn)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.09	ACUITE BB- (Withdrawn)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.43	ACUITE BB- (Withdrawn)
	Proposed Packing Credit	Long Term	20.00	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
Proposed Packing Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	20.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-) Issuer not co-operating*

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