

#### **Press Release**

# S A FRUIT INTERNATIONAL October 20, 2025

# Rating Downgraded, Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating



Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating		
Bank Loan Ratings	5.00	ACUITE B-   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*	-		
Bank Loan Ratings	15.00	-	ACUITE A4   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*		
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	20.00	-	-		
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-		
*The issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information.					

# Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded the long-term rating to 'ACUITE B-' (read as ACUITE B minus) from 'ACUITE B' (read as ACUITE B) and reaffirmed the short term rating of 'ACUITE A4' (read as ACUITE A four) on the Rs. 20.00 crore bank facilities of S A Fruit International on account of information risk. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

#### **About the Company**

S A Fruit International was established in the year 2015 and started its commercial operation from September 2016. It's a Coimbatore based firm engaged in trading of fruits. It is promoted by Mr. S K Mohammed Saffiullah, Mrs. A. S. Banu and Mr. A. S Nisar Ahmed who have over two decades of experience in the fruit trading business.

#### **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 absence of information provided by the issuer / borrower). Acuite endeavoured to gather information about the entity/industry from the public domain. Any rating with the suffix 'Issuer not cooperating' is assigned without any management interaction with the issuer entity or any data / information from the entity. Sometimes this non co-operation by a rated entity may be due to a result of deterioration in the credit risk profile of the entity. 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 18 (Provisional)	FY 17 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	92.25	32.19
PAT	Rs. Cr.	0.58	0.11
PAT Margin	(%)	0.63	0.35
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	2.11	2.18
PBDIT/Interest	Times	1.72	1.34

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

# Any other information

None

# **Applicable Criteria**

- Trading Entities: https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-61.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

In order to inform the investors about complexity of instruments, Acuité has categorized such instruments in three levels: Simple, Complex and Highly Complex. Acuite's categorisation of the instruments across the three categories is based on factors like variability of the returns to the investors, uncertainty in cash flow patterns, number of counterparties and general understanding of the instrument by the market. It has to be understood that complexity is different from credit risk and even an instrument categorized as 'Simple' can carry high levels of risk. For more details, please refer Rating Criteria "Complexity Level Of Financial Instruments" on www.acuite.in.

# Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
23 Jul 2024	Letter of Credit	Short Term	15.00	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE B (Downgraded & Issuer not co- operating* from ACUITE B+)
27 Apr 2023	Letter of Credit	Short Term	15.00	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*)
01 Feb 2022	Letter of Credit	Short Term	15.00	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*)

<sup>\*</sup>The issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information.

# Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Complexity Level	Rating
Federal Bank Limited	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	5.00	Simple	ACUITE B-   Downgraded   Issuer not co- operating* ( from ACUITE B )
Federal Bank Limited	Not avl. / Not appl.	Letter of Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	15.00	Simple	ACUITE A4   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*

<sup>\*</sup>The issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information.

- Disclosure of list of non-cooperative issuers

   Listed :- https://www.acuite.in/Non-Cooperative\_Issuer\_Listed.php

   Unlisted :- https://www.acuite.in/Non-Cooperative\_Issuer\_Unlisted.php

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