

Press Release

COOCHBEHAR TEA COMPANY LIMITED

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 11.00 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4+ 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 plus**) and short-term rating of '**ACUITE A4+**' (**read as ACUITE A four plus**) to the Rs. 11.00 crore bank facilities of COOCHBEHAR TEA COMPANY LIMITED. This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

Incorporated in 1992, CTCL was promoted by Mr. Shyam Sunder Agarwal. The company is engaged in the cultivation of green tea and blending of black tea by the CTC method. The company owns the Coochbehar Tea Estate at Falakata near Jalpaiguri (West Bengal) with 302 hectares of gross plantation area of which 220 hectares are under tea cultivation. CTCL processes green tea from its own plantation whereas black tea is processed from leaves bought from other tea estates.

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

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 (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
16-Apr-2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.05	ACUITE BB+ / Stable (Upgraded)
	Term Loan	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BB+ / Stable (Upgraded)
	Proposed Long Term Loan	Short Term	0.45	ACUITE BB+ / Stable (Upgraded)
	Bank Guarantee	Long Term	0.50	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
10-Apr-2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.94	ACUITE BB/ Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	3.50	ACUITE BB/ Stable (Assigned)
	Proposed Long Term Loan	Long Term	2.73	ACUITE BB/ Stable (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.50	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)

#Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	5.05	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	5.00	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Long Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.45	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.50	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*

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