

Press Release

Coochbehar Tea Co Limited

May 11, 2021

Rating Withdrawn



Total Bank Facilities Rated#	Rs.11.00 Cr.
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB Withdrawn; Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4+ Withdrawn; Issuer not co-operating*

#Refer Annexure for details

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

Rating Rationale

Acuite has withdrawn the long term rating of '**ACUITE BB**' (read as **ACUITE double B**) and the short term rating of '**ACUITE A4+**' (read as **ACUITE A four plus**) on the Rs.11.00 Cr. bank facilities of Coochbehar Tea Co Limited (CTCL). The rating continuous to be flagged as an 'Issuer Not-Cooperating' based on the best available information.

The rating is being withdrawn on account of the request received from the company and the NOC received from the banker as per Acuite's policy on withdrawal of ratings.

About the Company

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 estate.

Non-cooperation by the issuer/borrower

Acuite 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.

Acuite believes that information risk is a critical component in such ratings, and non-cooperation by the issuer along with an unwillingness to provide information could be a sign of potential deterioration in its overall credit quality.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition – <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities – <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.htm>
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments – <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm>

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument

<https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-55.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). Acuite has endeavoured to gather information about the entity / industry from the public domain. Therefore, Acuite cautions lenders and investors regarding the use of such information, on which the indicative credit rating is based.

Liquidity Position

No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon.

Rating Sensitivities

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)

Not Applicable

Any other information

Acuite 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
08-Sep-2020	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.05	ACUITE BB (Downgraded & Indicative)
	Term Loan	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BB (Downgraded & Indicative)
	Proposed Long Term Loan	Long Term	0.45	ACUITE BB (Downgraded & Indicative)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.50	ACUITE A4+ (Indicative)
25-Jun-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.05	ACUITE BB+ (Indicative)
	Term Loan	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BB+ (Indicative)
	Proposed Long Term Loan	Long Term	0.45	ACUITE BB+ (Indicative)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.50	ACUITE A4+ (Indicative)
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	Long Term	0.45	ACUITE BB+ / Stable (Upgraded)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.50	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)

#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 Withdrawn; Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	5.00	ACUITE BB Withdrawn; Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Long Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.45	ACUITE BB Withdrawn; Issuer not co-operating*

Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.50	ACUITE A4+ Withdrawn; Issuer not co-operating*
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