

Press Release

Mahestala Agro Foods Private Limited

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 9.50 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.

Acuite 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. 9.50 crore bank facilities of Mahestala Agro Foods Private Limited. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

Mahestala Agro Foods Private Limited (MAFPL) incorporated in 2009, is a Kolkata based company promoted by Kundu family. MAFPL is engaged in trading of gold and diamond studded jewellery under a franchise agreement with Tanishq. The company has two showrooms under this agreement. The company also undertakes food distribution under Public Distribution System (PDS).

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.

This rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer not-cooperating", in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuite's policies.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Trading Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-61.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 endeavored 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 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

Acuite 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
15-Jan-2020	Cash Credit	Long Term	7.50	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
	Ad-hoc limits (Fund Based)	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
16-Oct-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	7.50	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
	Ad-hoc limits (Fund Based)	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
30-Mar-2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	7.50	ACUITE BB-/ Stable (Assigned)
	Ad-hoc limits (Fund Based)	Long Term	2.00	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
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	7.50	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-) Issuer not co-operating*
Ad-hoc limits (Fund Based)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	2.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-) Issuer not co-operating*

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