

## Press Release

### Pan India Utilities Distribution Company Limited

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#### Rating Update



<b>Total Bank Facilities Rated#</b>	Rs.335.00 Cr.
<b>Long Term Rating</b>	ACUITE D (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating*

#Refer Annexure for details

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

#### Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE D**' (read as **ACUITE D**) from '**ACUITE BB**' (read as **ACUITE double B**) on the Rs.335.00 crore bank facilities of Pan India Utilities Distribution Company Limited (PIUDCL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of significant liquidity pressure faced by the Essel Group and information available on public domain.

Pan India Utilities Distribution Company Limited (PIUDCL), incorporated in 2012, is a Mumbai-based EPC contractor for Essel group's wind and solar power projects. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pan India Infra projects Private Limited (PIIPL) and part of the Essel Group promoted by Mr. Subash Chandra. As per the arrangement, the SPVs of Essel Infra projects Limited (EIL), a flagship company of the Essel group in the infrastructure sector, will bid for projects. The awarded projects will be subcontracted (entire or part of it) to PIUDCL which in turn will subcontract to third parties.

**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 due date.

This rating is therefore being flagged as "Issuer not-cooperating", in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuite's policies.

Acuite 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.

#### Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Infrastructure Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-51.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 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.

#### 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 (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
22-May-2019	Term Loan	Long Term	215.00	ACUITE BB (Indicative)
	Term Loan	Long Term	120.00	ACUITE BB (Indicative)
30-Jan-2019	Term Loan	Long Term	215.00	ACUITE BBB (Under rating watch with negative implications)
	Term Loan	Long Term	120.00	ACUITE BBB (Under rating watch with negative implications)
23-Nov-2018	Term Loan	Long Term	215.00	ACUITE BBB (Under rating watch with developing implications)
	Term Loan	Long Term	120.00	ACUITE BBB (Under rating watch with developing implications)
30-Dec-2017	Term Loan	Long Term	215.00	ACUITE BBB/ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	120.00	ACUITE BBB/ Stable (Reaffirmed)
6-April-2017	Term Loan	Long Term	215.00	ACUITE BBB/ 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
Term Loan	Not Available	Not Applicable	Not Available	215.00	ACUITE D (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Available	Not Applicable	Not Available	120.00	ACUITE D (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating*

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