



**Press Release**  
**National Oxygen Limited**  
**June 18, 2024**

**Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating**

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	33.00	ACUITE B-   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	3.00	-	ACUITE A4   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	36.00	-	-

**Rating Rationale**

Acuité has reaffirmed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE B-**' (read as **ACUITE B minus**) and the short term rating of '**ACUITE A4**' (read as **ACUITE A four**) on the Rs. 36.00 crore bank facilities of National Oxygen Limited. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

**About the Company**

National Oxygen Limited (NOL) a Public Limited Company was incorporated in 1974, registered with Bombay & Madras Stock Exchanges. NOL is a producer and supplier of Industrial Gases both in Liquid and Gaseous form to Industries and Hospitals. In 1980 the Company installed and commissioned the first oxygen plant of 60 cubic metres per hour capacity at Mathur Village, Pudukottai District, and Tamil Nadu. NOL currently has a capacity of 2500 m3 per hour of Oxygen / Nitrogen gases and 2,00,000 m3 per annum capacity of Dissolved Acetylene gas having manufacturing facilities at Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu. The company is currently managed by Mr. Rajeshkumar Saraf, Mr. Gajanand Saraf, Mrs. Sarita Saraf, Mr. Shanmugavadivel Siva, Mrs. Mona Milan Parekh and Mr. Amit Kumar Agarwal.

**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 non-cooperation 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 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 ratings 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 23 (Actual)	FY 22 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	47.70	52.05
PAT	Rs. Cr.	(0.79)	7.62
PAT Margin	(%)	(1.66)	14.64
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	(31.00)	2077.23
PBDIT/Interest	Times	2.38	5.98

## Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

## Any other information

None

## Applicable Criteria

- Manufacturing Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.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, Acuite 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](http://www.acuite.in).

## Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
23 Mar 2023	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.50	ACUITE B- (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.02	ACUITE B- (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	12.50	ACUITE B- (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	13.98	ACUITE B- (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
30 Dec 2021	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	13.98	ACUITE B- (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	12.50	ACUITE B- (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.02	ACUITE B- (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.50	ACUITE B- (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)

## Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Complexity Level	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Punjab National Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	3.00	ACUITE A4   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*
Punjab National Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	5.50	ACUITE B-   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	13.98	ACUITE B-   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*
Punjab National Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Secured Overdraft	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	12.50	ACUITE B-   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*
Punjab National Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	1.02	ACUITE B-   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*

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