

Press Release

RPW Projects Private Limited

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated#	Rs.900.00 Cr.
Long Term Rating	ACUITE C (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

Acuité has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE C (read as ACUITE C)**' from '**ACUITE BB (read as ACUITE double B)**' on the Rs.900.00 crore bank facilities of RPW Projects Private Limited (RPW). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk and significant liquidity pressure faced by the Essel Group.

RPW Projects Private Limited (RPW), part of the Essel group was incorporated in 1994. The company was promoted by Essel Infra projects Limited (EIL), the flagship company of the Essel Group. RPW, an EPC contractor company, undertakes projects for the Essel group. It is led by Directors, Mr. Prakash Salikram Shukla, Mr. Pranay Kumar and Mr. Akshay Kirtikar.

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.

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.

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). 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
22-May-2019	Term Loan	Long Term	400.00	ACUITE BB (Indicative)
	Term Loan	Long Term	500.00	ACUITE BB (Indicative)
30-Jan-2019	Term Loan	Long Term	400.00	ACUITE BBB- (Under rating watch with negative implications)
	Term Loan	Long Term	500.00	ACUITE BBB- (Under rating watch with negative implications)
07-Jun-2018	Term Loan	Long Term	500.00	ACUITE BBB-/ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	400.00	ACUITE BBB-/ Stable (Assigned)
30-Jun-2017	Term Loan	Long Term	500.00	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	400.00	ACUITE C (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Available	Not Applicable	Not Available	500.00	ACUITE C (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating*

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

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