



Press Release RPW PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED March 03, 2025 Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

| Product | Quantum (Rs. Cr) | Long Term Rating | Short Term Rating | |
|---|---------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Bank Loan Ratings | 900.00 | ACUITE C Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating* | - | |
| Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 900.00 | - | - | |
| Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 0.00 | - | - | |
| * The issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information. | | | | |

Rating Rationale

Acuité has reaffirmed the long-term rating of 'ACUITE C' (read as ACUITE Co) n 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 based on the best available information.

About the Company

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. The company's registered office is located in Mumbai.

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

This 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. Any rating with the suffix 'Issuer not cooperating' is assigned without any management interaction with the issuer entity or any data / information from the entity. Sometimes this non co-operation by a

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rated entity may be due to a result of deterioration in the credit risk profile of the entity. Therefore, Acuité cautions lenders and investors regarding the use of such information, on which the indicative credit rating 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 18 (Actual) | FY 17 (Actual) |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| Operating Income | Rs. Cr. | 324.54 | 49.76 |
| PAT | Rs. Cr. | (0.95) | (0.75) |
| PAT Margin | (%) | (0.29) | (1.51) |
| Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth | Times | 113.97 | 77.88 |
| PBDIT/Interest | Times | 0.99 | 0.95 |

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA Not Applicable

Any other information

None

Applicable Criteria

• Infrastructure Sector: https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-51.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

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Rating History

| Date | Name of Instruments/Facilities | Term | Amount (Rs. Cr) | Rating/Outlook |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--|
| 04 Dec | Term Loan Long Term | | 500.00 | ACUITE C (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*) |
| 2023 | Term Loan | Long Term | 400.00 | ACUITE C (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*) |
| 21 Sep 2022 | Term Loan | Long Term | 500.00 | ACUITE C (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 400.00 | ACUITE C (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*) |

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| Lender's Name | ISIN | Facilities | Date Of Issuance | | Quantum (Rs. Cr.) | Complexity Level | Rating |
|------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------|---|
| Yes Bank Ltd | Not avl. / Not appl. | | Not avl. / Not appl. | | 500.00 | | ACUITE C Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating* |
| Yes Bank Ltd | Not avl. / Not appl. | | Not avl. / Not appl. | | 400.00 | Nimnie | ACUITE C Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating* |

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

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