

**Press Release**  
**Ligare Aviation Limited**

March 21, 2023



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

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	148.89	ACUITE C   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	219.44	ACUITE D   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	40.00	-	ACUITE D   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*
<b>Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)</b>	<b>408.33</b>	-	-

**Rating Rationale**

Acuite has Downgraded the long term rating to '**ACUITE C (read as ACUITE C)**' from '**ACUITE B+ (read as ACUITE B plus)**' on the Rs 148.89 Cr bank facilities of LIGARE AVIATION LIMITED (LAL).

The long term facilities by the same bank from publicly available information has also been downgraded to '**ACUITE D (read as ACUITE D)**' from '**ACUITE B+ (read as ACUITE B plus)**' and the short term to '**ACUITE D (read as ACUITE D)**' from '**ACUITE A4 (read as ACUITE A four)**' on the Rs. 259.44 crore bank facilities of Ligare Aviation Limited (LAL).

The rating continues to be an indicative rating. The downgrade is based on the publicly available information.

**About the Company**

Delhi based - Ligare Aviation Limited (LAL) incorporated in 1996 provides non-scheduled charter services. The erstwhile Religare Aviation Limited was changed to LAL in 2012. The company is a step-down subsidiary of RHC Holdings Private Limited (RHC) and a 100% subsidiary of Ligare Voyages Limited (LAL). LAL has a fleet of 11 aircrafts which includes three jets, two helicopters and six turboprops. Four turboprops are owned by the company (on its own books) and the rest are on operating lease of 10 years. The present promoters of the company are Mr. Rahul Kwatra, Ms. Shivangi Singh, Ms. Reena, Mr. Gopinath Mohan Gopakumar and Ms. Shrestha Dev Burman.

**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. Acuite believes that information risk is a critical component in such ratings, and noncooperation by the issuer along with an 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 Acuite'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). Acuite has 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.

### Rating Sensitivity

No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon.

### Material Covenants

Not Applicable

### Liquidity Position

No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon.

### Outlook

Not Applicable

### Other Factors affecting Rating

None

### Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

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.

### Applicable Criteria

- Service Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.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
11 May 2022	Term Loan	Long Term	69.44	ACUITE B- ( Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE B- ( Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Term Loan	Long Term	53.90	ACUITE B- ( Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	75.00	ACUITE B- ( Issuer not co-operating*)

	Term Loan	Long Term	14.99	ACUITE B- (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	40.00	ACUITE A4 (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	150.00	ACUITE B- (Issuer not co-operating*)
05 Feb 2021	Term Loan	Long Term	75.00	ACUITE B- (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE B- (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	150.00	ACUITE B- (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	14.99	ACUITE B- (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Long Term Loan	Long Term	53.90	ACUITE B- (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	40.00	ACUITE A4 (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	69.44	ACUITE B- (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
Yes Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	40.00	ACUITE D   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*
RBL Bank	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	5.00	ACUITE C   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Proposed Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	53.90	ACUITE C   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*
Yes Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	Simple	150.00	ACUITE D   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*
Yes Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	Simple	69.44	ACUITE D   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*
Axis Bank	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	Simple	75.00	ACUITE C   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*
RBL Bank	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	Simple	14.99	ACUITE C   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*

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