

Press Release

Taquito Lease Operators Private Limited

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Rating Update

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| Total Bank Facilities Rated* | Rs. 255.00 Cr. # |
| Long Term Rating | ACUITE D (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating*) |

Refer Annexure for details

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

Acuité has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE D** (read as **ACUITE D**) from '**ACUITE B+**' (read as **ACUITE B plus**) on the Rs. 255.00 crore Non-Convertible Debentures of Taquito Lease Operators Private Limited (TLOPL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

The rating downgrade is on account delays in payment of coupon due on 30 September 2020. Acuité has relied upon the confirmation from the debenture trustee with regards to the account conduct.

Incorporated in 2012, TLOPL has leased out certain fixed assets required for retail operations of FERG. It derives its revenues mainly from lease rentals from the Future Group.

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 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 Acuité's policies.

Applicable Criteria

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

Not Applicable

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 |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| 25-Aug-20 | Non-convertible debentures | Long term | 255.00 | ACUITE B+ (Downgraded and Indicative) |
| 22-May-20 | Non-convertible debentures | Long term | 255.00 | ACUITE BBB+ (CE) (Downgraded; Watch with Negative Implications) |
| 08-April-20 | Non-convertible debentures | Long term | 255.00 | ACUITE A- (CE) (Downgraded; Watch with Negative Implications) |
| | Non-convertible debentures (Proposed) | Long term | 45.00 | ACUITE A- (CE) (Downgraded & Withdrawn) |
| 23-May-19 | Non-convertible debentures | Long term | 255.00 | ACUITE AA- (CE) / Stable (Reaffirmed) |
| | Non-convertible debentures (Proposed) | Long term | 45.00 | ACUITE AA- (CE) / Stable (Reaffirmed) |
| 17-May-18 | Non-convertible debentures | Long term | 255.00 | ACUITE AA- (CE) / Stable (Assigned) |
| | Non-convertible debentures (Proposed) | Long term | 45.00 | ACUITE AA- (CE) / Stable (Assigned) |
| 16-Sept-2017 | Non-convertible debentures (Proposed) | Long term | 300.00 | Provisional ACUITE AA- (CE) / Stable (Assigned) |

#Annexure – Details of instruments rated

| ISIN | Name of the Facilities | Date of Issuance | Coupon Rate | Maturity Date | Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore) | Ratings/Outlook |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| INE496Z07016 | Non-convertible debentures | 04/05/2018 | 9.5% | 03/05/2024 | 255.00 | ACUITE D (Downgraded; Indicative) |

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