



Press Release

The Ananda Bag Tea Company Limited

December 04, 2023

Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	8.20	ACUITE BB- Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	6.80	-	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	15.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuité has reaffirmed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE BB-**' (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) and the short-term rating of '**ACUITE A4+**' (read as **ACUITE A four plus**) on the Rs.15.00 crore bank facilities of The Ananda Bag Tea Company Limited (TABTCL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not Co-operating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Kolkata based, The Ananda Bag Tea Company Limited (TABTCL), incorporated in 1920, the company is led by Mr. Chokhani and family. The promoters possess extensive experience in the tea industry. Currently, the operations are headed by the third generation of the Chokhani family. The Ananda Bag Tea Company Limited (TABTCL) is engaged in the manufacturing, blending and retailing of tea. The company owns a tea garden - 'Ananda Tea Estate' in Upper Assam and produces around 8 lakh kg of Indian black tea (including CTC and orthodox). Additionally, the company has 100000 sq. ft. of metalised blend floor and packaging units in Kolkata. The company sells its packaged tea under the 'Top Tee Gold', 'Top Tee Premium', 'Ananda Gold', 'Golden Sip' and 'Top Tee Jananta brand names. Present directors are Mr. Niraj Chokhani, Mr. Nikhil Chokhani, Mr. Dilip Singh, Ms. Aparna Lohia, Mr. Ishaan Chokhani, and Mr. Apurv Chokhani.

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 endeavored 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

Rating Sensitivity

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

All Covenants

Not Applicable

Liquidity Position

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

Outlook

Not Applicable

Other Factors affecting Rating

Not Applicable

Key Financials

Particulars	Unit	FY 23 (Actual)	FY 22 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	18.24	18.22
PAT	Rs. Cr.	(1.57)	(0.74)
PAT Margin	(%)	(8.59)	(4.06)
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	0.84	0.67
PBDIT/Interest	Times	0.49	1.01

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

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Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
03 Oct 2022	Bills Discounting	Short Term	4.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	8.20	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	0.80	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	2.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
09 Jul 2021	Letter of Credit	Short Term	2.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	0.80	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bills Discounting	Short Term	4.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	8.20	ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
13 Apr 2020	Cash Credit	Long Term	8.20	ACUITE BB+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	0.80	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bills Discounting	Short Term	4.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	2.00	ACUITE A4+ (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
Union Bank of India	Not Applicable	Bills Discounting	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	4.00	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Union Bank of India	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	8.20	ACUITE BB- Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Union Bank of India	Not Applicable	Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	2.00	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Union Bank of India	Not Applicable	PC/PCFC	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	0.80	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*

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