

Press Release

Nikita Papers Limited

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 35.00 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*

Refer Annexure for details

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

Acuité has reviewed long-term rating of **"ACUITE BB+"** (read as **ACUITE double B plus**) and short term rating of **'ACUITE A4+'** (read as **'ACUITE A four plus'**) to the Rs. 35.00 crore bank facilities of Nikita Papers Limited (NPL). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

Nikita Papers Limited (NPL), incorporated in 1989, is an Uttar Pradesh-based company promoted by Mr. Ashok Bansal and Mr. Sudhir Bansal. The company is engaged in the manufacturing of kraft paper at Shamli (Uttar Pradesh) and has installed capacity of 42,000 metric tonnes per annum (MTPA). The product finds application in the manufacturing of corrugated boxes. The company procures raw material (waste paper) from traders in Haryana, Punjab, New Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and sells the finished product to traders and manufacturers of corrugated boxes in New Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. The company also imports around 30 percent of its total purchases from UK, USA and Middle East.

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.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/criteria-default.htm>
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-40.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-4.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

	Unit	FY17 (Actual)	FY16 (Actual)	FY15 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	91.94	81.16	62.39
EBITDA	Rs. Cr.	7.20	4.82	4.92
PAT	Rs. Cr.	0.70	0.34	0.85
EBITDA Margin (%)	(%)	7.83	5.94	7.88
PAT Margin (%)	(%)	0.77	0.42	1.36
ROCE (%)	(%)	8.39	6.84	16.82
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	1.00	0.95	0.74
PBDIT/Interest	Times	2.14	1.98	2.48
Total Debt/PBDIT	Times	3.75	5.04	3.08
Gross Current Assets (Days)	Days	150	131	142

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA (if applicable)

BWR, vide its press release dated December 5, 2017 had denoted the rating of Nikita Papers Limited as „BWR BB/Stable/A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING“ on account of lack of adequate information required for monitoring of ratings.

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
16-Nov-2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	20.00	ACUITE BB+ / Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.36	ACUITE BB+ / Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.79	ACUITE BB+ / Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	4.00	ACUITE BB+ / Stable (Assigned)
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	0.85	ACUITE BB+ / Stable (Assigned)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	9.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)

#Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	20.00	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	31-Mar-2019	0.36	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	31-Mar-2019	0.79	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	31-Mar-2021	4.00	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.85	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	9.00	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*

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