

## Press Release

Nikita Papers Limited

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### Rating Update

<b>Total Bank Facilities Rated*</b>	Rs. 35.00 Cr.#
<b>Long Term Rating</b>	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
<b>Short Term Rating</b>	ACUITE A4+ 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 BB**' (**read as ACUITE double B**) from '**ACUITE BB+**' (**read as ACUITE double B plus**) and reviewed the short-term rating of '**ACUITE A4+**' (**read as ACUITE A four plus**) on the Rs. 35.00 crore bank facilities of Nikita Papers Limited (NPL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

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 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 continues to be 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>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.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 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.

**Liquidity Indicators** - "No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon."

**Rating Sensitivity** - "No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon."

#### 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)

None

### 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 (Up to last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Ratings/Outlook
09-Apr-2020	Cash Credit	Long Term	20.00	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.36	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.79	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long Term	4.00	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	0.85	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	9.00	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*
25-Jan-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	20.00	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.36	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.79	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long Term	4.00	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	0.85	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	9.00	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*
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/Outlook
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	20.00	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	0.36	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	0.79	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*

Term Loan	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	4.00	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.85	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	9.00	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*

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

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