



Press Release
Nikita Papers Limited
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Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	26.00	ACUITE BB- Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	9.00	-	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	35.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite 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. 35.00 Crore bank facilities of Nikita Papers Limited (NPL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

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:

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 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 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). 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 22 (Actual)	FY 21 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	356.41	118.05
PAT	Rs. Cr.	4.51	3.07
PAT Margin	(%)	1.27	2.60
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	3.29	8.40
PBDIT/Interest	Times	2.60	2.44

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

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.

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
27 Sep 2022	Term Loan	Long Term	0.79	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	0.85	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.36	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	20.00	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	9.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	4.00	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
09 Jul 2021	Term Loan	Long Term	0.79	ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	0.85	ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	4.00	ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	9.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	20.00	ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.36	ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
09 Apr 2020	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*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.79	ACUITE BB+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.36	ACUITE BB+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	4.00	ACUITE BB+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	20.00	ACUITE BB+ (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
Punjab National Bank	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	20.00	ACUITE BB- Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Punjab National Bank	Not Applicable	Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	9.00	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Proposed Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	0.85	ACUITE BB- Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Punjab National Bank	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	Simple	0.36	ACUITE BB- Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Punjab National Bank	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	Simple	0.79	ACUITE BB- Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Punjab National Bank	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	Simple	4.00	ACUITE BB- Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*

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