

Press Release

BLUE STAR DIAMONDS PRIVATE LIMITED

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Rating Update



Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 660.00 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE A- 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 A-**' (read as **ACUITE A minus**) on the Rs. 660.00 crore bank facilities of BLUE STAR DIAMONDS PRIVATE LIMITED (BSDPL). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

BSDPL, a partnership firm established in 1966 by Mr. Vasantlal Mehta, was reconstituted as a closely held company in 2008. The flagship entity of the Blue Star Group, the company is engaged in the business of cutting and polishing diamonds. The operations are managed by the second generation promoters - Mr. Akshay Mehta, Mr. Anuj Mehta and Mr. Ashit Mehta. While Mr Ashit M was instrumental in setting up the rough division in Antwerp in 1981 by the name M/s Arjav Diamonds NV, his elder brothers, Mr. Akshay M and Mr. Anuj M focused on the manufacturing and polishing operations to cater to national and international clients.

BSDPL has been a Diamond Trading Company (DTC) sight holder since 1994 apart from being a consistent buyer from other players since 2009.

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>
- 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.	2,823.98	3,041.92	3,568.81
EBITDA	Rs. Cr.	123.61	148.54	189.06
PAT	Rs. Cr.	29.47	29.68	56.79
EBITDA Margin	(%)	4.38	4.88	5.30
PAT Margin	(%)	1.04	0.98	1.59
ROCE (%)	(%)	6.46	7.00	17.95
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	1.09	1.30	1.54
PBDIT/Interest	Times	1.90	1.77	2.13
Total Debt/PBDIT	Times	6.87	6.77	6.05
Gross Current Assets (Days)	Days	279	301	256

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

None

Any other information

None

Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
06-Dec-2017	Packing Credit	Long Term	610.00	ACUITE A-/Stable (Assigned)
	Proposed Long Term Loan	Long Term	50.00	ACUITE A-/Stable (Assigned)

#Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings
Packing Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	610.00	ACUITE A-Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Long Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	50.00	ACUITE A-Issuer not co-operating*

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