

Press Release

Welfast Electrodes Private Limited

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 5.00 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB) Issuer not co-operating*

Refer Annexure for details

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

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded the long term rating of Welfast Electrodes Private Limited to '**ACUITE BB+**' (**read as ACUITE double B plus**) from '**ACUITE BBB**' (**read as ACUITE triple B**). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

Welfast Electrodes Private Limited (WEPL) started out as partnership firm under the name "Weldwell electrodes" in 1985 by the Soman family. It was converted to a private limited company in 2015. The operations are headed by Mr. Sudhir Soman. It is involved in the manufacturing welding consumables like welding electrodes and MIG (metal inert gas) wire, TIG (Tungsten inert gas) wires, SAW (Submerged arc welding) wires. It manufactures and sells its products under the brand names "Welfast", "Weldalloy" and "Migfast" which are used for various purposes like metal joining, repairs and fabrication. The Company has two manufacturing facilities located at Nagpur. The company enjoys certification from various agencies like American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Indian Boiler Regulations and others.

The company purchases its raw materials from organizations like Steel Authority of India limited, Jindal steel and power limited etc. The company sells its products through a large network of dealers located across India. It also exports its products to Countries like Israel, Nigeria, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain etc.

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.

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.

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.

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)

CARE, vide its press release dated June 06, 2019 had denoted the rating of Welfast Electrodes Private Limited as CARE BBB/Stable; ISSUER NOT CO-OPERATING on account of lack of adequate information

required for monitoring of ratings.

Any other information

None

Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
15-February -2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BBB Issuer not co-operating*
08- December -2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BBB/Stable (Assigned)

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#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	5.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB) Issuer not co-operating*

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