

Press Release

Weldfast Electrodes Private Limited

June 21, 2022



Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	5.00	ACUITE BB Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	5.00	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed the long term rating of '**ACUITE BB**' (read as **ACUITE double B**) on the Rs. 5.00 crore bank facilities of Weldfast Electrodes Private Limited. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Weldfast 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. The company is based in Nagpur, Maharashtra. 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 "Weldfast", "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:

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.

This rating continues to be 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.

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

The rated entity has not shared the latest financial statements despite repeated requests.

Rating Sensitivity

"No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon."

Material Covenants

Not Applicable

Liquidity Position

"No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon."

Outlook

Not Applicable

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

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.

Applicable Criteria

- Manufacturing Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>

Note on Complexity Levels of the Rated Instrument

<https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-55.htm>

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
23 Mar 2021	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
24 Dec 2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BB+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
15 Feb 2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BBB (Issuer not co-operating*)
08 Dec 2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BBB Stable (Assigned)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
State Bank of India	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	5.00	ACUITE BB Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*

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