

Press Release

The Akshaya Nidhi Foundation

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Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	5.00	ACUITE B+ 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Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs.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 B+**' (read as **ACUITE B plus**) on the Rs.5.00 crore bank facilities of The Akshaya Nidhi Foundation (TANF). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

The Akshaya Nidhi Foundation (TANF) was established in May 2014 to serve as a sustainability vehicle for the Akshaya Patra Foundation. The Akshaya Patra Foundation (TAPF) is a charitable trust founded in 2000 under public private partnership model to implement the Mid-Day Meal program of the Central Government. Started in Bangalore, it reaches 1.6 million children across 26 locations in 12 states. The large fleet reaches around 13,000 schools every day. The local recipes serve vegetarian food (without garlic or onion). The trustees are full time missionaries of ISKCON movement and include Mr. T. V. Mohandas Pai, Ms. Sangita Jindal, and Mr. Rajendra Hinduja etc who hold key positions in the organisation. The Akshaya Nidhi Foundation (TANF) operates out of Bangalore (35,000 persons per day) and Gurgaon (15000 persons per day)

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 an 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). Acuite endeavored to gather information about the entity/industry from the public domain. Therefore, Acuite 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

None

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

Acuite is yet to receive the latest No Default Statement (NDS) from the rated entity, despite repeated requests and follow-ups.

Applicable Criteria

- Service Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.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

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

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
15 Jul 2021	Bills Discounting	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
16 Apr 2020	Bills Discounting	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BB- (Issuer not co-operating*)
15 Feb 2019	Bills Discounting	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BB- (Issuer not co-operating*)
08 Dec 2017	Bills Discounting	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BB- Stable (Assigned)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Bills Discounting	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	5.00	ACUITE B+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*

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