

Press Release

MEP Infrastructure Developers Limited

May 18, 2021

Rating Update



Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 885.00Cr.#
Long Term Rating	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*

*Refer Annexure for details

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

Acuite has reviewed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE B+**' (read as **ACUITE B plus**) and short-term rating of '**ACUITE A4**' (read as **ACUITE A four**) on the Rs. 885.00 crore bank facilities of MEP Infrastructure Developers Limited. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

MEPIDL, incorporated in 2002, located in Mumbai, Maharashtra, is the flagship entity of the MEP Group and an established player in toll collection and Operate Maintain and Transfer (OMT) business for roads and highways. The MEP Group engages in either short or long term contracts ranging from one to sixteen years to undertake such business. MEPIDL also undertakes Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contracts for the road sector. In FY2016, the MEP group has been awarded with six Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) projects, which are being executed through special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs). The group also has a presence in Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) projects through its subsidiaries.

MEPIDL is listed on BSE and NSE. The day-to-day operations are led by the Chairman, Mr. Dattatray P. Mhaikar and Managing Director, Mr. Jayant D. Mhaikar. The management of the company has extensive experience in the infrastructure sector.

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 is, therefore, being flagged as "Issuer not-cooperating", in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuite's policies.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Entities in Infrastructure Sector - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-51.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). 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.

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

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

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

	Unit	FY20 (Actual)	FY19 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	1403.95	1882.30
PAT	Rs. Cr.	(159.36)	30.06
PAT Margin	(%)	(11.50)	1.60
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	0.63	0.49
PBDIT/Interest	Times	1.34	1.85

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

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.

Rating History (Up to last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Ratings/Outlook
25-Feb-2020	Term Loans	Long Term	34.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	142.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	75.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	45.50	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	1.20	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	5.07	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	6.14	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	8.75	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from

				ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	75.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	22.34	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	100.00	ACUITE A4 (Downgraded from ACUITE A4+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	100.00	ACUITE A4 (Downgraded from ACUITE A4+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	100.00	ACUITE A4 (Downgraded from ACUITE A4+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	50.00	ACUITE A4 (Downgraded from ACUITE A4+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	100.00	ACUITE A4 (Downgraded from ACUITE A4+) Issuer not co-operating*
26-Nov-2019	Term Loans	Long Term	34.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	142.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB) Issuer not co-operating*
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	75.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB) Issuer not co-operating*
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE BB+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	45.50	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	1.20	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	5.07	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB) Issuer not co-operating*

	Term Loans	Long Term	6.14	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	8.75	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	75.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB) Issuer not co-operating*
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	22.34	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB) Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	100.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	100.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	100.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	50.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3+) Issuer not co-operating*
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	100.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3+) Issuer not co-operating*
26-Aug-2019	Term Loans	Long Term	34.00	ACUITE BBB Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	142.00	ACUITE BBB Issuer not co-operating*
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	75.00	ACUITE BBB Issuer not co-operating*
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE BBB Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE BBB Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	45.50	ACUITE BBB Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	1.20	ACUITE BBB Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	5.07	ACUITE BBB Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	6.14	ACUITE BBB Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loans	Long Term	8.75	ACUITE BBB (Indicative)

	Term Loans	Long Term	75.00	ACUITE BBB Issuer not co-operating*
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	22.34	ACUITE BBB Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	100.00	ACUITE A3+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	100.00	ACUITE A3+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	100.00	ACUITE A3+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	50.00	ACUITE A3+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	100.00	ACUITE A3+ Issuer not co-operating*

***Annexure – Details of instruments rated**

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
Term Loans	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	34.00	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loans	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	142.00	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Secured Overdraft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	75.00	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Secured Overdraft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	10.00	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loans	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	10.00	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loans	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	45.50	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loans	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	1.20	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loans	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	5.07	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loans	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	6.14	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loans	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	8.75	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loans	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	75.00	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Bank Facility	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	22.34	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	100.00	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	100.00	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	100.00	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	50.00	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*
Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	100.00	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*

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

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