

Press Release

Ramson and Bros

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 27.00 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB+ (Withdrawn; Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*

Refer Annexure for details

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

Acuité has withdrawn and downgraded the long term rating of Ramson & Bros.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

The rating is being withdrawn on account of request received from the company and NOC received from the banker.

Ramson and Bros. (RB) is a partnership firm established in 2014. The partners are Mr. Ram Fatnani, Mr. Bhagwan Fatnani, Mr. Shanker Fatnani and Mr. Bunty Fatnani. The firm has exclusive distribution rights from beer of United Breweries Limited (UBL) in entire Raigad district and rights of selected IMFL brands from USL for distribution in Upper Raigad district. RB has its offices in Ulhasnagar and Thane and its warehouse in Adivali village (Raigad district in Maharashtra).

About the Group

The Maharashtra-based Tulsi Group was established in 1987 by Mr. Ramchand Fatnani. The group has exclusive distribution rights for Indian made foreign liquor (IMFL) in selective locations in Maharashtra. The group comprises of Tulsi Trading Corporation, established in 1987 and Ramson and Bros. established in 2014.

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>
- Trading entities- <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-6.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 attempts

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

Not Applicable

Any other information

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

Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
19-Mar-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	21.00	ACUITE BBB- Issuer not co-operating*
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	6.00	ACUITE BBB- Issuer not co-operating*
26-Dec-2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	21.00	ACUITE BBB-/ Stable (Assigned)
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	6.00	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	21.00	ACUITE BB+ (Withdrawn; Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	6.00	ACUITE BB+ (Withdrawn; Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*

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