



## Press Release

MEP Sanjose Mahuva Kagvadar Road Private Limited  
August 22, 2024

### Rating Downgraded, Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	279.61	ACUITE B   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	30.23	-	ACUITE A4   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	309.84	-	-

## Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE B**' (read as **ACUITE B**) from '**ACUITE B+**' (read as **ACUITE B plus**) and reaffirmed the short term rating of '**ACUITE A4**' (read as **ACUITE A four**) on the Rs. 309.84 crore bank facilities of MEP Sanjose Mahuva Kagavadar Road Private Limited (MEPSMK) on account of information risk. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

## About the Company

Mumbai based, MEPSMK is a special-purpose vehicle (SPV) and a joint venture of MEP Infrastructures Developers Private Limited (MEPIDPL), incorporated in 2016 to undertake the construction of 4-lane road between Mahuva and Kagavadar, in Gujarat. The project road is a section of National Highway-8E, with a total length of 40.02 kilometers. The project has been awarded by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), which is to be executed under HAM on a design-build-finance-operate-and transfer basis. The concession period is 15 years and the construction period is 2.5 years, based on semiannual annuity payment. The project

cost is Rs 604.68 crore and is funded through term loans of Rs 272.10 crore, equity of Rs 90.70 crore and grant of Rs.241.87 crore. MEPSMK signed the concession agreement with NHAI on August 09, 2016. The appointed date was obtained in May 2017(revised) and the scheduled commercial operation date (COD) was July 04, 2019; but due to delays in execution, the revised COD was in March 2020. MEPSMK's directors are Mr. Vilas Dattatray Pradhan, Mr. Sameer Anil Apte and Mr. Guillermo Manuel Sansano Fuentes.

### **Unsupported Rating**

Not Applicable

### **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 the 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.

This rating is, therefore, being flagged as "Issuer not-cooperating", in line with prevailing SEBI

regulations and Acuité'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.

**Rating Sensitivity**

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

**Liquidity Position**

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

**Outlook**

Not Applicable

**Other Factors affecting Rating**

None

## Key Financials

Particulars	Unit	FY 23 (Actual)	FY 22 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	0.00	0.00
PAT	Rs. Cr.	(27.91)	(23.88)
PAT Margin	(%)	0.00	0.00
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	(86.78)	7.80
PBDIT/Interest	Times	(0.31)	(0.01)

## Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

## Any other information

None

## Applicable Criteria

- Infrastructure Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-51.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

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## Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
25 May 2023	Term Loan	Long Term	101.17	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	7.50	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	120.94	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	50.00	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Short Term	30.23	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
25 Feb 2022	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Short Term	30.23	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	101.17	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	7.50	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	120.94	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
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## Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Complexity Level	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
IDBI Bank Ltd.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	30.23	ACUITE A4   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*
IDBI Bank Ltd.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Secured Overdraft	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	7.50	ACUITE B   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating* ( from ACUITE B+ )
India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	120.94	ACUITE B   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating* ( from ACUITE B+ )
IFCI Ltd.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	50.00	ACUITE B   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating* ( from ACUITE B+ )
IDBI Bank Ltd.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	101.17	ACUITE B   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating* ( from ACUITE B+ )

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