

Press Release

Punniamoorthi Pillai Department Store

December 27, 2019



Rating Withdrawn

Total Bank Facilities Rated#	Rs.15.00 Cr.
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not cooperating*; Withdrawn
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A2) Issuer not cooperating*; Withdrawn

Refer Annexure for details

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

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded and withdrawn the long term rating of '**ACUITE BB+ (read as ACUITE Double B plus)**' from '**ACUITE BBB- (read as ACUITE triple B minus)**' and short term rating of '**ACUITE A4+ (read as ACUITE four plus)**' from '**ACUITE A3 (read as ACUITE three)**' to the 15.00 crore bank facilities of Punniamoorthi Pillai Department Store (PDS). This rating is now downgraded withdrawn, indicative on account of information risk.

The rating is being withdrawn on account of request received from the company and NOC received from the banker.

Punniamoorthi Pillai Department Store (PPDS) a partnership firm, was established in 1988 by Mr. S. Kubher and brothers, Mr. S. Gunaseelan, Mr. T. S. Ravikumar and Mr. C. Sivakumar. The firm, a departmental store is engaged in the retailing of groceries, consumer durable goods (refrigerator, grinders, mixer, air conditioner etc.), Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) among others. It is also a franchisee for Titan Watches and Tanishq Jewellery and runs a café and a bakery under the name Tan Café. PDDS has a chain of eight department stores at prominent locations in Thanjavur and nearby areas (Tamil Nadu).

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.

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

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-61.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).

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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.

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument

<https://www.acuite.in/criteria-complexity-levels.htm>

Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
11-Feb-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	8.00	ACUITE BBB- (Indicative)
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.39	ACUITE BBB- (Indicative)
	Working Capital Term Loan	Long Term	1.00	ACUITE BBB- (Indicative)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	1.85	ACUITE A3 (Indicative)
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	2.76	ACUITE BBB- (Indicative)
29-Dec-2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	8.00	ACUITE BBB / Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.39	ACUITE BBB / Stable (Assigned)
	Working Capital Term Loan	Long Term	1.00	ACUITE BBB / Stable (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	1.85	ACUITE A3 (Assigned)
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	2.76	ACUITE BBB / Stable (Assigned)

*Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	8.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB- Issuer not cooperating*; Withdrawn)
Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.39	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB- Issuer not cooperating*; Withdrawn)
Working Capital Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB- Issuer not cooperating*; Withdrawn)
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.85	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3 Issuer not cooperating*; Withdrawn)

Proposed Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	2.76	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB- Issuer not cooperating*; Withdrawn)
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