

Press Release

Balaji Agro Private Limited

August 11, 2022



Rating Downgraded, Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	32.50	-	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Loan Ratings	5.00	ACUITE BB Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	37.50	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE BB**' (read as **ACUITE Double BB**) from '**ACUITE BB+**' (read as **ACUITE Double B Plus**) and reaffirmed the Short term rating of **ACUITE A4+** (read as **ACUITE A four Plus**) on the Rs. 37.50 crore bank facilities of Balaji Agro Private Limited. This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Incorporated in 2000 by Mr. Nand Kishore Agarwal and Mr. Raju Agarwal, Balaji Agro Private Limited (BAPL), a Kolkata-based company is engaged in the blending and export of tea under the brand names 'Meri Chai' and 'Popular'. The company has two blending units at Maheshtala and Khiderpore (West Bengal) with combined installed capacity of 1 crore kg of tea per annum. Company is also engaged into warehouse rental business as it lease out its warehouses to reputed clients such as Bharti Airtel Ltd, V-guards industries Pvt Ltd, among others.

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.

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

Not Applicable.

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

- Manufacturing Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.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
14 May 2021	Packing Credit	Short Term	24.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Short Term	0.50	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bills Discounting	Short Term	6.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	0.20	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	2.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	4.80	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
19 Feb 2020	Proposed Bank Facility	Short Term	0.50	ACUITE A3 (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	4.80	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	0.20	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	2.00	ACUITE A3 (Reaffirmed)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	24.00	ACUITE A3 (Reaffirmed)

	Bills Discounting	Short Term	6.00	ACUITE A3 (Reaffirmed)
02 Jan 2020	Letter of Credit	Short Term	2.00	ACUITE A3 (Upgraded from ACUITE A4+)
	Proposed Packing Credit	Short Term	0.50	ACUITE A3 (Upgraded from ACUITE A4+)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	24.00	ACUITE A3 (Upgraded from ACUITE A4+)
	Bills Discounting	Short Term	6.00	ACUITE A3 (Upgraded from ACUITE A4+)
09 Apr 2019	Bills Discounting	Short Term	8.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	20.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Packing Credit	Short Term	1.25	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Long Term Loan	Long Term	0.25	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE BB Stable)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	2.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
22 Jan 2018	Packing Credit	Short Term	20.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)
	Bills Discounting	Short Term	8.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)
	Proposed Packing Credit	Short Term	1.25	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	2.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)
	Proposed Long Term Loan	Long Term	0.25	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
Punjab National Bank	Not Applicable	Bills Discounting	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	6.00	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Punjab National Bank	Not Applicable	Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	2.00	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Axis Bank	Not Applicable	Overdraft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	4.80	ACUITE BB Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB+)
Punjab National Bank	Not Applicable	PC/PCFC	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	24.00	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.20	ACUITE BB Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB+)
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Proposed Short Term Bank Facility	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.50	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*

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