

Press Release

Baghmari Tea Company Limited

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Rating Update



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| Total Bank Facilities Rated* | Rs. 14.00 Cr. # |
| Long Term Rating | ACUITE BB 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 long-term rating of '**ACUITE BB**' (read as **ACUITE double B**) and short term rating of '**ACUITE A4+**' (read as '**ACUITE A four plus**') on the Rs. 14.00 crore bank facilities of Baghmari Tea Company Limited (BTCL). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

BTCL, based at Kolkata, was incorporated in 1918. The company is engaged in the manufacturing and blending of tea at its own tea garden spread across 520 hectares in Upper Assam. The installed capacity stands at 14 lakh kg of CTC tea. The business is led by Mr. Bajoria and family in Kolkata.

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 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/criteria-default.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-4.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 endeavoured 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

| | Unit | FY18(Actual) | FY17 (Actual) | FY16 (Actual) |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Operating Income | Rs. Cr. | 38.16 | 35.66 | 26.25 |
| EBITDA | Rs. Cr. | 2.48 | 2.01 | 1.29 |
| PAT | Rs. Cr. | 1.24 | 0.18 | 0.31 |
| EBITDA Margin | (%) | 6.34 | 5.64 | 4.91 |
| PAT Margin | (%) | 3.17 | 0.50 | 1.17 |
| ROCE (%) | (%) | 18.21 | 11.71 | 15.15 |
| Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth | Times | 4.27 | 3.50 | 2.72 |
| PBDIT/Interest | Times | 1.88 | 1.79 | 1.92 |
| Total Debt/PBDIT | Times | 4.80 | 6.97 | 7.22 |
| Gross Current Assets (Days) | Days | 201 | 202 | 127 |

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 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 05-Feb-2018 | Cash Credit | Long Term | 7.00 | ACUITE BB / Stable (Assigned) |
| | PC/PCFC | Short Term | 7.00 | ACUITE A4+ (Assigned) |

#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 | 7.00 | ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating* |
| PC/PCFC | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | 7.00 | ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating* |

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