

Press Release

Baghmari Tea Company Limited

December 28, 2021



Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	7.00		ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Loan Ratings	7.00	ACUITE BB- Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	
Total	14.00	-	-

Refer Annexure for details

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

Rating Rationale

Acuité has reaffirmed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE BB-**' (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) and the 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 the best available information.

About the Company

BTCL, based at Kolkata, was incorporated in 1918. The business is led by the directors of the company, Mr. Anand Bajoria, Mr. Dhruv Bajoria, Mr. Rajendra Bajoria, Mr. Golam Momen, Mr. Shakti Khaitan and Mrs. Shobha Bajoria. 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 16 lakh kg of CTC tea per annum.

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 an 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 Sensitivities

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

Material Covenants

Not Applicable

Liquidity Indicators

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

Outlook

Not Applicable

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

The rated entity has not shared the latest financial statements despite repeated requests.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

Any other information

None

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.htm>

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
16 Oct 2020	Packing Credit	Short Term	7.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	7.00	ACUITE BB- Stable (Reaffirmed)
24 Jun 2020	Cash Credit	Long Term	7.00	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	7.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
12 Apr 2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	7.00	ACUITE BB (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	7.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
05 Feb 2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	7.00	ACUITE BB Stable (Assigned)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	7.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Indian Bank	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	7.00	ACUITE BB- Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Indian Bank	Not Applicable	PC/PCFC	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	7.00	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*

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