

Press Release

EPR Centre For Cancer Research And Bioinformatics

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 35.00 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE B+ 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.

Acuité has reviewed long-term rating of '**ACUITE B+** (**read as ACUITE B plus**) and short term rating of '**ACUITE A4**' (**read as 'ACUITE A four'**) on the Rs. 35.00 crore bank facilities of EPR Centre For Cancer Research And Bioinformatics (EPR). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

EPR incorporated in 2006 is a direct subsidiary of Vitane Pharmaceuticals Private Limited (VPPL) which is engaged in manufacturing pharmaceuticals, biotechnology products and orthopaedic support products which are sold domestically as well as in the export markets. EPR was yet to start its commercial operations, which was expected to start from July 2018. VPPL is setting up a technology-centric biotech company to focus on monoclonal antibodies for auto-immune diseases. The proposed R&D lab and GMP manufacturing facility at Hyderabad is estimated to be built at a total cost of Rs.79.18 crore which includes Rs.35.00 crore debt funding and remaining as equity.

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.

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). Acuité endeavoured 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

	Unit	FY17 (Actual)	FY16 (Actual)	FY15 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	0.02	0.00	0.00
EBITDA	Rs. Cr.	-0.04	-0.12	-0.60
PAT	Rs. Cr.	0.00	-0.06	-0.58
EBITDA Margin (%)	(%)	-204.74	-5025.77	0.00
PAT Margin (%)	(%)	18.72	-2358.96	0.00
ROCE (%)	(%)	0.07	-0.21	-4.25
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	0.56	0.00	0.01
PBDIT/Interest	Times	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Debt/PBDIT	Times	-538.34	0.00	-0.21
Gross Current Assets (Days)	Days	292078	1598046	0

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA (if applicable)

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.

Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
13-Feb-2018	Term Loan	Long term	28.00	ACUITE B+/ Stable (Assigned)
	Cash Credit	Long term	5.00	ACUITE B+/ Stable (Assigned)
	Letter of Credit	Short term	2.00	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
Term loans	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	28.00	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	5.00	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Letter of credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	2.00	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*

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