

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.

Acuite has reviewed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE B+**' (read as **ACUITE B plus**) and the 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). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

EPR incorporated in 2006 in Hyderabad 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 is supported by the Germany-based Vitane group led by Mr. Sadiq Hussain, Mr. Mirza Sajjad Baig, and Dr. Jeetendra Ambulge with more than two decades of experience in the manufacturing and trading of pharma products. The group has been selling its products in more than 40 countries since 2006.

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.

Acuite 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 Acuite's policies.

Applicable Criteria

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

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

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

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 (if applicable)

None

Any other information

Acuite is yet to receive the latest No Default Statement (NDS) from the rated entity, despite repeated requests and follow-ups.

Rating History (Up to last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Ratings/Outlook
08 May, 2020	Term Loan	Long term	28.00	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Cash Credit	Long term	5.00	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	2.00	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*
15 Mar, 2019	Term Loan	Long term	28.00	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Cash Credit	Long term	5.00	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	2.00	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*
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. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
Term Loan	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	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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