

Press Release

Vinoth Distributors

April 04, 2023



Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

| Product | Quantum (Rs. Cr) | Long Term Rating | Short Term Rating | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Bank Loan Ratings 15.00 | | ACUITE C Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating* | t - | |
| Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 15.00 | - | - | |

Rating Rationale

Acuité has reaffirmed the long-term rating of 'ACUITE C' (read as ACUITE C) on the Rs.15.00 crore bank facilities of Vinoth Distributors. The rating continous to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Vinoth Distributors is a Chennai-based partnership firm established in 2008. The firm is engaged in the trading of basmati rice and is also a distributor of Kohinoor and India Gate brands of basmati rice. The day-to-day operations are led by Mr. D Vinoth. The firm procures basmati rice from reputed companies in the north and sells to hotels in Tamil Nadu.

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 noncooperation by the issuer along with 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 ratingis based.

Rating Sensitivity

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

Material Covenants

Not Applicable.

Liquidity Position

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

Outlook

Not Applicable.

Other Factors affecting Rating

Not Applicable.

Key Financials

| Particulars | Unit | FY 17 (Actual) | FY 16 (Actual) |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| Operating Income | Rs. Cr. | 141.93 | 138.70 |
| PAT | Rs. Cr. | 0.84 | 0.80 |
| PAT Margin | (%) | 0.59 | 0.58 |
| Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth | Times | 7.35 | 9.56 |
| PBDIT/Interest | Times | 1.17 | 1.19 |

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

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.

Applicable Criteria

- Trading Entities: https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-61.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

In order to inform the investors about complexity of instruments, Acuité has categorized such instruments in three levels: Simple, Complex and Highly Complex. Acuite's categorisation of the instruments across the three categories is based on factors like variability of the returns to the investors, uncertainty in cash flow patterns, number of counterparties and general understanding of the instrument by the market. It has to be understood that complexity is different from credit risk and even an instrument categorized as 'Simple' can carry high levels of risk. For more details, please refer Rating Criteria "Complexity Level Of Financial Instruments" on www.acuite.in.

Rating History

| Date | Name of Instruments/Facilities | Term | Amount (Rs. Cr) | Rating/Outlook | |
|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---|--|--|
| 07 Jan | Jan Cash Credit Long Term 12.00 | | ACUITE C (Downgraded and Issuer no co-operating*) | | |
| 2022 | Proposed Bank Facility | Long Term | 3.00 | ACUITE C (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*) | |
| 20 Aug | Proposed Bank Facility | Long Term | 3.00 | ACUITE B+ (Issuer not co-operating*) | |
| 2021 | Cash Credit | Long Term | 12.00 | ACUITE B+ (Issuer not co-operating*) | |
| 11 Jun | Proposed Bank Facility | Long Term | 3.00 | ACUITE B+ (Issuer not co-operating*) | |
| 2020 | Cash Credit | Long Term | 12.00 | ACUITE B+ (Issuer not co-operating*) | |

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

| Lender's Name | ISIN | Facilities | Date Of Issuance | Coupon Rate | Maturity Date | Complexity Level | Quantum (Rs. Cr.) | Rating |
|-------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| DBS Bank Ltd | Not Applicable | Cash Credit | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Simple | 12.00 | ACUITE C Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating* |
| Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Proposed Long Term Bank Facility | Not | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Simple | 3.00 | ACUITE C Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating* |

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