

## Press Release

### Hegde Cashews

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### Rating Update



<b>Total Bank Facilities Rated</b>	Rs. 9.00 Cr. #
<b>Long Term Rating</b>	ACUITE B+ 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 to '**ACUITE B+**' (read as **ACUITE B plus**) on the Rs.9.00 crore bank facilities of Hedge Cashews (HC). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on the best available information.

HC is a proprietorship concern managed by Mr. Prathap Hegde established in the year 2012. The concern is engaged in processing cashew kernels from raw cashew nuts. The processing unit in Mangalore, Karnataka and has an installed capacity of processing 90 bags (60 kg per bag) of raw cashew nuts per day. The concern procured raw cashews from African countries like Ivory Coast, Benin, Guinea, Indonesia, Tanzania and Kerala etc. The company caters to traders located in Bangalore, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Delhi etc.

#### 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.

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>

#### Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument

<https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-55.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.

#### 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)

Not Applicable

#### 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 (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
6-May-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	4.75	ACUITE B+/ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	4.25	ACUITE B+/ Stable (Reaffirmed)
17-Feb-2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	4.75	ACUITE B+/ Stable (Assigned)
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	4.25	ACUITE B+/ Stable (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	4.75	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	4.25	ACUITE B+ Issuer not co-operating*

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