

Press Release

Hi Tech Sweet Water Technologies Private Limited

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs.102.00 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded) Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded) Issuer not co-operating*

Refer Annexure for details

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

Acuité has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE BB+** (**read as ACUITE BB plus**) from '**ACUITE BBB-**' (**read as ACUITE triple B minus**) and the short term rating to '**ACUITE A4+** (**read as 'ACUITE A four plus'**) from '**ACUITE A3**' (**read as ACUITE A three**) on the Rs.102.00 crore bank facilities of Hi Tech Sweet Water Technologies Private Limited. This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on the best available information.

Surat based, HSPL was incorporated in 1999 by Mr. Vijay Shah and Mr. Satish Agarwal. The company is engaged in the manufacturing of commercial, domestic and industrial RO (reverse osmosis) based water purification systems. It also provides an end-to-end solution for RO technology-based water treatment plants including manufacturing membrane, filters RO platforms, installation and monitoring and after-sales servicing.

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.

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/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.htm>
- Financial Ratios and Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.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

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

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

ICRA, vide its press release dated Apr 17, 2018 had denoted the rating of HI TECH SWEET WATER TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED as 'ICRA BB+/Stable/ICRA A4+; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING & WITHDRAWN' on account of lack of adequate information required for monitoring of ratings.

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
15-May-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	70.00	ACUITE BBB-/ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BBB-/ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	10.00	ACUITE A3 (Reaffirmed)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	20.00	ACUITE A3 (Reaffirmed)
20-Feb-2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	70.00	ACUITE BBB-/ Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.52	ACUITE BBB-/ Stable (Assigned)
	Proposed Long Term Loan	Long Term	0.48	ACUITE BBB-/ Stable (Assigned)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	10.00	ACUITE A3 (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	20.00	ACUITE A3 (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	70.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded) Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	2.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded) Issuer not co-operating*
Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	10.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded) Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	20.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded) Issuer not co-operating*

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