



**Press Release**  
**Living Entertainment Enterprises Private Limited**

January 30, 2019

**Rating Update**

<b>Total Bank Facilities Rated*</b>	Rs.639.00 Cr.
<b>Long Term Rating</b>	ACUITE BBB (Under rating watch with negative implications)
<b>Short Term Rating</b>	ACUITE A3+ (Under rating watch with negative implications)

\* Refer Annexure for details

**Rating Rationale**

Acuité has placed the long rating of '**ACUITE BBB** (read as ACUITE triple B) and short term rating of '**ACUITE A3+**' (read as ACUITE A three plus) on Rs.639.00 crore bank facilities of LIVING ENTERTAINMENT ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED (LEEPL) on '**Rating watch with negative implications**'.

Acuité has placed LEEPL's rating on watch following an announcement by the promoters of Essel group stating their intentions to dilute 50 percent of the total promoter holding in Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited (ZEEL). However, adequate clarity and timelines for the transaction is yet to emerge.

The financial flexibility of the promoters of Essel Group emanates from their holdings in their listed companies, mainly ZEEL. ZEEL, a media and entertainment company, is the flagship company with the largest market cap among the all listed companies of the group. Besides the debts in the operating companies, the promoters had also raised loans on the basis of pledge of shares of these companies. As of December 31,2018, the promoters held 41.62 percent in ZEEL of which 59.37 percent was encumbered. Consequent to a sharp decline in the prices of the Essel Group companies on Jan 25, 2019, the company's key promoter Mr. Subhash Chandra Goyal has made a clarification, stating the group's intention to settle the debts to its various creditors/ lenders and seeking the support & cooperation of the lenders in this regard. Acuité believes that these developments are indicative of a possible impairment in the financial flexibility of the promoter and the Essel Group. These events are likely to impede the group's ability to refinance existing debt or raise additional debt from the banking system or the debt markets.

Acuité currently is in discussions with the management of Essel group to understand the impact of these developments on their liquidity and debt servicing ability and consequently on LEEPL's business and financial risk profile.

Living Entertainment Enterprises Private Limited (LEEPL; formerly Global Multi Trading Private Limited) was incorporated in 2014 and is engaged in television broadcasting & content development. LEEPL is currently operating 'Living Foodz' channel in India which is part of the Zee network.

**Analytical Approach**

Acuité has considered the standalone business and financial risk profiles of the LEEPL and subsequently factored in support from the Essel Group to arrive at this rating.

### About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

	Unit	FY17 (Actual)	FY16 (Actual)	FY15 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	33.41	8.74	NA
EBITDA	Rs. Cr.	(31.77)	(4.15)	NA
PAT	Rs. Cr.	(33.24)	(4.72)	NA
EBITDA Margin	(%)	(95.08)	(47.47)	NA
PAT Margin	(%)	(99.49)	(53.99)	NA
ROCE	(%)	(7.33)	(2.22)	NA
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	6.69	2.96	NA
PBDIT/Interest	Times	NA*	NA	NA
Total Debt/PBDIT	Times	NA	NA	NA
Gross Current Assets (Days)	Days	1,622	383	NA

\*NA as the company has reported losses at PBDIT level

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

None

### Any other information

None

### Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-17.htm>
- Service Entities- <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-8.htm>
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-20.htm>
- Criteria For Group And Parent Support - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-24.htm>

### Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument

<https://www.acuite.in/criteria-complexity-levels.htm>

### Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Ratings/Outlook
23-Jun-18	Term loan I	Long Term	225.00	ACUITE BBB/Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term loan II	Long Term	410.00	ACUITE BBB/Stable (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	4.00	ACUITE A3+ (Reaffirmed)
21-Feb-18	Term loan I	Long Term	225.00	ACUITE BBB/Stable (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	4.00	ACUITE A3+ (Assigned)

**\*Annexure – Details of instruments rated**

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
Term loan I	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	225.00	ACUITE BBB (Under rating watch with negative implications)
Term loan II	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	410.00	ACUITE BBB (Under rating watch with negative implications)
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	4.00	ACUITE A3+ (Under rating watch with negative implications)

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