



## **Press Release**

#### ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL March 05, 2025

#### Rating Downgraded, Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating		
Bank Loan Ratings	2.50	ACUITE BB-   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*	-		
Bank Loan Ratings	23.00	-	ACUITE A4+   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*		
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	25.50	-	-		
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-		
* The issuer did not co-operate: hased on best available information					

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#### **Rating Rationale**

Acuité has downgraded its long term rating to 'ACUITE BB-' (read as ACUITE double B minus) from 'ACUITE BB' (read as ACUITE double B) on the Rs. 2.50 crore bank facilities of Ashok Kumar Mittal (AKM). Acuité has reaffirmed the short term rating of 'ACUITE A4+' (read as ACUITE A four plus) on the Rs. 23.00 crore bank facilities of Ashok Kumar Mittal (AKM).

The rating is now flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" on account of information risk and is based on the best available information. The rating has been downgraded on account of information risk.

#### **About the Company**

Incorporated in 1985 Mr. Ashok Kumar Mittal established Ashok Kumar Mittal (AKM), a Chhattisgarh-based company, as a sole proprietorship. In 2002, the company started offering the Chhattisgarh government irrigation and PWD departments civil construction services. The registered office is located in Korba, in the district of Chhattisgarh.

#### **Unsupported Rating**

Not Applicable

#### 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 due date. Acuité believes that information risk is a critical component in such ratings, and non - cooperation 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

This rating is based on information available from sources other than the issuer / borrower (in the absence of information provided by the issuer / borrower). Acuite endeavoured to gather information about the entity/industry from the public domain. Any rating with the suffix 'Issuer not cooperating' is assigned without any management interaction with the issuer entity or any data / information from the entity. Sometimes this non co-operation by a rated entity may be due to a result of deterioration in the credit risk profile of the entity. Therefore, Acuité cautions lenders and investors regarding the use of such information, on which the indicative credit rating is based.

## **Rating Sensitivities**

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

## **Liquidity Position**

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

**Outlook: Not Applicable** 

Other Factors affecting Rating None

#### **Key Financials**

<b>Particulars</b>	Unit	FY 23 (Actual)	FY 22 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	123.54	128.84
PAT	Rs. Cr.	4.47	4.37
PAT Margin	(%)	3.62	3.39
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	0.79	0.91
PBDIT/Interest	Times	6.04	5.50

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

Interaction with Audit Committee anytime in the last 12 months (applicable for rated-listed / proposed to be listed debt securities being reviewed by Acuite)

#### Not applicable

**Any other information** 

None

### Applicable Criteria

- Application Of Financial Ratios And Adjustments: https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm
- Default Recognition: https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm
- Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT): https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-72.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 <a href="https://www.acuite.in">www.acuite.in</a>.

## **Rating History**

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook	
18 Dec 2023	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Short Term	9.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)	
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	2.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)	
	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Short Term	12.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)	
	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.50	ACUITE BB   Stable (Reaffirmed)	
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.06	ACUITE BB (Reaffirmed & Withdrawn)	
	Working Capital Term Loan	Long Term	0.39	ACUITE BB (Reaffirmed & Withdrawn)	
	Working Capital Term Loan	Long Term	0.25	ACUITE BB (Reaffirmed & Withdrawn)	
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	1.30	ACUITE Not Applicable (Withdrawn)	
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	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Short Term	9.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)	
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	2.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)	
	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.50	ACUITE BB   Stable (Reaffirmed)	
08 May	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	0.50	ACUITE BB   Stable (Reaffirmed)	
2023	Term Loan	Long Term	0.06	ACUITE BB   Stable (Assigned)	
	Working Capital Term Loan	Long Term	0.39	ACUITE BB   Stable (Assigned)	
	Working Capital Term Loan	Long Term	0.25	ACUITE BB   Stable (Assigned)	
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	1.30	ACUITE BB   Stable (Assigned)	
25 Oct 2022	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Short Term	9.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)	
	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.50	ACUITE BB (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB+   Stable)	
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	0.50	ACUITE BB (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB+   Stable)	

## Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	-	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Complexity Level	Rating
UCO Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Bank Guarantee	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	12.00	Simple	ACUITE A4+   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*
UCO Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	9.00	Simple	ACUITE A4+   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*
UCO Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	I gen I radit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	2.50	Simple	ACUITE BB-   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating* ( from ACUITE BB )
UCO Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Letter of Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	2.00	Simple	ACUITE A4+   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*

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