



Press Release BRITISH AGRO PRODUCTS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED April 09, 2025 Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

| Product | Quantum (Rs. Cr) | Long Term Rating | Short Term Rating | |
|---|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Bank Loan Ratings | 7.00 | ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* | - | |
| Bank Loan Ratings | 10.00 | - | ACUITE A4 Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* | |
| Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 17.00 | - | - | |
| Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 0.00 | - | - | |
| * The issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information. | | | | |

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded the long-term rating to 'ACUITE B+' (read as ACUITE B plus)from 'ACUITE BB-' (read as ACUITE double B minus) and the short term rating to 'ACUITE A4' (read as ACUITE A four) from 'ACUITE A4+' (read as ACUITE A four plus)on the Rs. 17.00 crore bank facilities of British Agro Products India Private Limited (BAPL) on account of information risk. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Incorporated in April 2014 in Chennai by Mr. Akilan Ramnathan, British Agro Products India Private Limited (BAPL) is engaged in cultivation of white button mushrooms in an air conditioned environment. The company also started exporting Indian yellow maize and steam ponni rice from FY2018 onwards. The company has mushroom cultivation facilities at Kancheepuram (Tamil Nadu) with installed capacity of 12 tons per day as on November 2017.

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

Liquidity Position

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

Outlook Not Applicable

Other Factors affecting Rating None

Key Financials

| Particulars | Unit | FY 24 (Actual) | FY 23 (Actual) |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| Operating Income | Rs. Cr. | 27.38 | 32.45 |
| PAT | Rs. Cr. | (4.61) | 0.52 |
| PAT Margin | (%) | (16.85) | 1.62 |
| Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth | Times | 0.44 | 0.21 |
| PBDIT/Interest | Times | (0.83) | 5.68 |

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA Not Applicable

Any other information

None

Applicable Criteria

• Manufacturing Entities: https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.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 <u>www.acuite.in</u>.

Rating History

| Date | Name of Instruments/Facilities | Term | Amount (Rs. Cr) | Rating/Outlook |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| | PC/PCFC | Short Term | 10.00 | ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*) |
| 10 Jan 2024 | Secured Overdraft | Secured Overdraft Long Term | | ACUITE BB- (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 2.00 | ACUITE BB- (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*) |
| 27 Oct 2022 | PC/PCFC | Short Term | 10.00 | ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*) |
| | Secured Overdraft Long Term | | 5.00 | ACUITE BB- (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 2.00 | ACUITE BB- (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*) |

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| Lender's Name | ISIN | Facilities | Date Of Issuance | | Maturity Date | Quantum (Rs. Cr.) | Complexity Level | Rating |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---|
| Karur Vysya Bank | Not avl. / Not appl. | PC/PCFC | Not avl. / Not appl. | | Not avl. / Not appl. | 10.00 | Simple | ACUITE A4 Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE A4+) |
| Karur Vysya Bank | Not avl. / Not appl. | Secured Overdraft | | | Not avl. / Not appl. | 5.00 | Simple | ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB-) |
| Karur Vysya Bank | Not avl. / Not appl. | Term Loan | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 2.00 | Simple | ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB-) |

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

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