

Press Release

Kritika Wires Limited (Erstwhile Kritika Wires Private Limited)

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs.87.00 Cr.#
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4+ 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 double B**) from '**ACUITE BB+**' (**read as ACUITE double B plus**) and reviewed the short term rating of '**ACUITE A4+**'(**read as ACUITE A four plus**) on the Rs.87.00 Cr bank facilities of Kritika Wires Limited. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

Kritika Wires Limited (Formerly known as Kritika Wires Private Limited) was incorporated in 2006 as a Kolkata based company. The company got listed in National Stock Exchange (NSE) on October 2018. It is promoted by Mr. Naresh Kumar Agarwal and Mr. Hanuman Prasad Agarwal of Kolkata and is engaged in the manufacturing of galvanized and non-galvanized wires. The company has its manufacturing unit in Dhulagarh Industrial Park with an installed capacity of 66200 MTPA. The company caters to state electricity boards such as West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL), Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL), and Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL) among others. Apart from the government parties, the company also supplies wires to private companies such as Bajaj Wires Private Limited, Lumino Industries Limited, Laser Power & Infra Pvt Ltd and etc. The company is also engaged in the export of wires to Bangladesh.

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 continues to be 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>

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 endeavored 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.

Liquidity Indicators

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

Rating Sensitivity

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

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)

None

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 (Up to last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Ratings/Outlook
12th Jun 20	Cash Credit	Long Term	20.50	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB/ Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
	Cash Credit	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB/ Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
	Bill Discounting	Short Term	19.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A2) Issuer not co-operating*
	Bill Discounting	Short Term	10.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A2) Issuer not co-operating*
	Proposed Long Term	Long Term	0.40	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB/ Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	5.50	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A2) Issuer not co-operating*
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	8.50	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A2) Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	4.50	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A2) Issuer not co-operating*
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	8.60	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A2) Issuer not co-operating*
9th Apr 19	Cash Credit	Long Term	20.50	ACUITE BBB/Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE BBB/Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Bill Discounting	Short Term	19.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)

	Bill Discounting	Short Term	10.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Long Term	Long Term	0.40	ACUITE BBB/Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	5.50	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	8.50	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	4.50	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	8.60	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
9th Mar 18	Cash Credit	Long Term	20.50	ACUITE BBB/Stable (Assigned)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE BBB/Stable (Assigned)
	Bill Discounting	Short Term	19.00	ACUITE A2 (Assigned)
	Bill Discounting	Short Term	10.00	ACUITE A2 (Assigned)
	Proposed Long Term	Long Term	0.40	ACUITE BBB/Stable (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	5.50	ACUITE A2 (Assigned)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	8.50	ACUITE A2 (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	4.50	ACUITE A2 (Assigned)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	8.60	ACUITE A2 (Assigned)

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#Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Lender Name	Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
State Bank of India	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	20.50	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
Karnataka Bank Limited	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	10.00	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
Karnataka Bank Limited	Bill Discounting	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	19.00	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*
State Bank of India	Bill Discounting	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	10.00	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*
Not Applicable	Proposed Long Term	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.40	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*
State Bank of India	Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	5.50	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*
State Bank of India	Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	8.50	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*
Karnataka Bank Limited	Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	4.50	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*

Karnataka Bank Limited	Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	8.60	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*
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