

Press Release

Pritika Autocast Limited May 27, 2024

Rating Downgraded Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating							
Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating				
Bank Loan Ratings	22.00	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-				
Bank Loan Ratings	2.50	-	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*				
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	24.50	-	-				

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded the long-term rating to 'ACUITE B' (read as ACUITE B) from 'ACUITE B+' (read as ACUITE B plus) and reaffirmed the short term rating to 'ACUITE A4' (read as ACUITE four)'on the Rs. 24.50 crore bank facilities of Pritika Autocast Limited (PAL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

About the Company

Pritika Autocast Limited is promoted by Mr. Raminder Singh Nibber & Harpreet Singh Nibber. The Company is engaged in Manufacturing of machined castings and forging for tractor /automobile manufacturers in India. Pritika Autocast Ltd is flagship Company of Pritika Group of Industries which is a manufacturer of machined casting and forging in North India.

About the Group

Acuite has consolidated the risk profiles of Pritika Industries Limited, Pritika Autocast Limited and Nibber Casting Private Limited on account of same promoter group, cross corporate guarantees and significant business linkages. Punjab-based, Pritika Industries Limited, is a flagship company of Pritika Group and is a machining unit set up for manufacture of auto/tractor components. Mr. Raminder Singh Nibber, initially established this as a partnership firm in the name of Pritika Industries in 1974. The present directors of the company are Mr. Harpreet Singh Nibber, Mr. Ajay Kumar, Ms. Neha and Mr. Ramesh Chander Saini. Pritika Autocast Limited, incorporated in 2005 is promoted by Mr. Raminder Singh Nibber & Harpreet Singh Nibber and is based in Himachal Pradesh. The Company is engaged in Manufacturing of machined castings and forging for tractor /automobile manufacturers in India. The present directors of the company are Mr. Raminder Singh Nibber, Harpreet Singh Nibber and Mr. Neeraj Bajaj. Incorporated in 1996, Nibber Castings Private Limited (NCPL) is a producer of raw castings based in Northern India. The company is a mechanised foundry producing Grey Iron Castings ranging in 5 Kgs. to 120 Kgs. and catering to Tractor and Commercial Vehicle Industry. Mr. Raminder Singh Nibber is the Wholetime Director of the company.

Unsupported Rating



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:

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.

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 17 (Actual)	FY 16 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	143.66	129.21
PAT	Rs. Cr.	3.60	2.85
PAT Margin	(%)	2.51	2.21
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	1.81	1.96
PBDIT/Interest	Times	2.53	2.08

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 www.acuite.in.

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
27 Feb 2023	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Short Term	1.00	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	21.00	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*)
	Letter of Credit Short Term		1.50	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.00	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*)
01 Dec 2021	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Short Term	1.00	ACUITE A4 (Downgraded & Issuer not co- operating* from ACUITE A4+)
	Cash Credit Long Term		21.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co- operating* from ACUITE BB-)
	Letter of Credit Short Term		1.50	ACUITE A4 (Downgraded & Issuer not co- operating* from ACUITE A4+)
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co- operating* from ACUITE BB-)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Complexity Level	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Canara Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	1.00	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*
Canara Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	21.00	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co- operating* (from ACUITE B+)
Canara Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Letter of Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	1.50	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*
Canara Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	1.00	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co- operating* (from ACUITE B+)

Contacts

Analytical	Rating Desk
Mohit Jain Senior Vice President-Rating Operations Tel: 022–49294017 mohit.jain@acuite.in	Varsha Bist Senior Manager-Rating Operations Tel: 022-49294011 rating.desk@acuite.in
Sahil Sawant Associate-Rating Operations Tel: 022-49294065 sahil.sawant@acuite.in	

About Acuité Ratings & Research

Acuité is a full-service Credit Rating Agency registered with the Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The company received RBI Accreditation as an External Credit Assessment Institution (ECAI) for Bank Loan Ratings under BASEL-II norms in the year 2012. Acuité has assigned ratings to various securities, debt instruments and bank facilities of entities spread across the country and across a wide cross section of industries. It has its Registered and Head Office in Kanjurmarg, Mumbai.

Disclaimer: An Acuité rating does not constitute an audit of the rated entity and should not be treated as a recommendation or opinion that is intended to substitute for a financial adviser's or investor's independent assessment of whether to buy, sell or hold any security. Ratings assigned by Acuité are based on the data and information provided by the issuer and obtained from other reliable sources. Although reasonable care has been taken to ensure that the data and information is true, Acuité, in particular, makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied with respect to the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of the information relied upon. Acuité is not responsible for any errors or omissions and especially states that it has no financial liability whatsoever for any direct, indirect or consequential loss of any kind, arising from the use of its ratings. Ratings assigned by Acuité are subject to a process of surveillance which may lead to a revision in ratings as and when the circumstances so warrant. Please visit our website (www.acuite.in/faqs.htm to refer FAQs on Credit Rating.