

Press Release

Guiness Securities Limited

April 25, 2023



Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

| Product | Quantum (Rs. Cr) | Long Term Rating | Short Term Rating | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Bank Loan Ratings | 1.00 | ACUITE D Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* | - | | |
| Bank Loan Ratings | 11.00 | - | ACUITE D Downgraded Issuer not co-operating | | |
| Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 12.00 | - | - | | |

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded its long term rating to 'ACUITE D' (read as ACUITE D)' from 'ACUITE B+' (read as ACUITE B plus) and the short term rating to 'ACUITE D' (read as ACUITE D)' from 'ACUITE A4' (read as ACUITE A four) on the Rs.12.00 crore bank facilities of Guiness Securities Limited. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issue Not Cooperating" and is on account of information risk. The downgrade is on the account of delays in debt servicing as recognised from publicly available information

About the Company

Guiness Securities Limited (GSL) was established in the year of 1986, as a Kolkata-based share broking company promoted by Mr. Kamal Kumar Kothari. The company is engaged in providing financial services such as share broking, Depository Participant services, Future & Option trading and Mutual Funds, among others. The company is a member of the National Stock Exchange, Bombay Stock Exchange, Multi Commodity Exchange apart from being a depository participant of NSDL and CDSL.

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. This rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer notcooperating", 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.

Key Financials

The rated entity has not shared the latest financial statements despite repeated requests

Rating Sensitivity

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

Material Covenants

None

Liquidity Position

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

Outlook: Not Applicable

Other factors affecting rating

None

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

None

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 |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| | Proposed Cash Credit | Long Term | 0.50 | ACUITE B+ (Issuer not co-operating*) |
| 27 Feb 2023 | Cash Credit | Long Term | 0.50 | ACUITE B+ (Issuer not co-operating*) |
| | Bank Guarantee | Short Term | 6.00 | ACUITE A4 (Issuer not co-operating*) |
| | Bank Guarantee | Short Term | 5.00 | ACUITE A4 (Issuer not co-operating*) |
| | Bank Guarantee | Short Term | 6.00 | ACUITE A4 (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*) |
| 01 Dec | Bank Guarantee | Short Term | 5.00 | ACUITE A4 (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*) |
| 2021 | Cash Credit | Long Term | 0.50 | ACUITE B+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*) |
| | Proposed Cash Credit | Long Term | 0.50 | ACUITE B+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*) |
| | Bank Guarantee | Short Term | 5.00 | ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*) |

| | Proposed Cash Credit | Long Term | | ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*) |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------|------|--|
| 01 Sep 2020 | Cash Credit | Long Term | | ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*) |
| | Bank Guarantee | Short Term | 6.00 | ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*) |

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

| Lender's Name | ISIN | Facilities | Date Of Issuance | Coupon Rate | Maturity Date | Complexity Level | Quantum (Rs. Cr.) | Rating |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---|
| State Bank of India | Not Applicable | Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Simple | 5.00 | ACUITE D Downgraded Issuer not co- operating* |
| Punjab National Bank | Not Applicable | Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Simple | 6.00 | ACUITE D Downgraded Issuer not co- operating* |
| Union Bank of India | Not Applicable | Cash Credit | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Simple | 0.50 | ACUITE D Downgraded Issuer not co- operating* |
| Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Proposed Cash Credit | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Simple | 0.50 | ACUITE D Downgraded Issuer not co- operating* |

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