

Press Release

Varun Piping Systems

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 15.50 Cr.#
Long Term Rating	ACUITE B+ (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 of '**ACUITE B+** (read as **ACUITE B plus**) from '**ACUITE BB-**' (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) and reviewed the short term rating of '**ACUITE A4**' (read as **ACUITE A four**) on the Rs. 15.50 crore bank facilities of Varun Piping Systems. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

Karnataka based, Varun Piping Systems (VPS) was established in the year 2016 by merging four existing partnership concerns namely; M/S Varun Plastics, M/s Ganga Plastics, M/s Sindhu Plastics and M/s Plastubes Corporation Inc. The firm is engaged in the business of manufacturing PVC pipes, fittings and Suction Hose and HDPE Pipes and fittings. M. Somashekar Bhat is a founder and M Chittaranjan Bhat is a managing partner. The firm has an installed capacity of producing 300 Kg per hour for PVC pipes and 800 Kg per hour for HDPE pipes.

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
14-Aug-2020	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	8.00	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.50	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating*
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	6.00	ACUITE A4 (Downgraded from ACUITE A4+) Issuer not co-operating*
11-June-2019	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	8.00	ACUITE BB/Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.50	ACUITE BB/Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	6.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
29-Mar-2018	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	8.00	ACUITE BB/Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.50	ACUITE BB/Stable (Assigned)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	6.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)

#Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Lenders name	Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
Canara Bank	Secured Overdraft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	8.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-) Issuer not co-operating*
Canara Bank	Term Loan	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	1.50	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-) Issuer not co-operating*
Canara Bank	Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	6.00	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*

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