

Press Release
Simplex Casting Limited (SCL)

December 13, 2019



Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 132.05 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-/ Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3) Issuer not co-operating*

Refer Annexure for details`

* The issuer did not co-operate; Based on best available information.

Acuité has downgraded the rating of Simplex Casting Limited to '**ACUITE BB+**' (**read as Acuité double B plus**) from '**ACUITE BBB-**' (**read as Acuité triple B minus**). The short term rating has been downgraded to '**ACUITE A4+**' (**read as Acuité A four plus**) from '**ACUITE A3**' (**read as Acuité A three**). The rating downgrade is on account of information risk.

SCL was established in 1970 as a partnership firm and was converted into a private limited company in 1980. In 1993, the company became a public limited company and was listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). SCL manufactures iron and steel casting products and is also into turnkey project execution. SCL is catering to various industrial sectors like Steel, Railways, Power, Mining, Cement, Sugar, Chemicals, Earthmovers, Machines Tools, Ship Building, Oil & Gas & Defence, etc. The company has three manufacturing units, one each in Bhilai, Urla and Tedsara (Chhattisgarh).

Analytical Approach

Acuité has considered the standalone business and financial risk profiles of SCL to arrive at this 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 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.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/criteria-default.htm>
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-20.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-4.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.

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

	Unit	FY19 (Actual)	FY18 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	182.98	221.93
PAT	Rs. Cr.	(15.26)	2.32
PAT Margin	(%)	(8.34)	1.05
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	1.46	0.59
PBDIT/Interest	Times	0.33	2.26

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA (if applicable)

Not applicable

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 (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
10-May-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	55.00	ACUITE BBB- (Indicative)
	Term Loan	Long Term	5.73	ACUITE BBB- (Indicative)
	Corporate Loan	Long Term	9.32	ACUITE BBB- (Indicative)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	32.00	ACUITE A3 (Indicative)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	30.00	ACUITE A3 (Indicative)
24-Apr-2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	55.00	ACUITE BBB-/Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	5.73	ACUITE BBB-/Stable (Assigned)
	Corporate Loan	Long Term	9.32	ACUITE BBB-/Stable (Assigned)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	32.00	ACUITE A3 (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	30.00	ACUITE A3 (Assigned)

#Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	55.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	5.73	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*
Corporate Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	9.32	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*

Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	32.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3 Issuer not co-operating*)
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	30.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3 Issuer not co-operating*)

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