

Press Release

Shah Brothers (SB)

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Rating Update



Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 18.00 Cr.
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB- Issuer non-cooperating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4 Issuer non-cooperating*

* Refer Annexure for details

Rating Rationale

Acuité has reviewed the long term rating of '**ACUITE BB-**' (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) and short term rating of '**ACUITE A4**' (read as **ACUITE A four**) on the Rs.18.00 crore bank facilities of Shah Brothers (SB). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

Established in 1939, Shah Brothers is a Kolkata based partnership firm engaged in trading and export of tea. The firm has blending units in Kolkata and Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) with capacities of 200 tons per day in each of the locations. The firm exports to countries like Russia, Europe, Taiwan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Middle East countries and other Asian countries.

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 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/view-rating-criteria-17.htm>
- Trading Entities-<https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-6.htm>
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-20.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 endeavoured 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

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

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 (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Ratings/Outlook
02-May-2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BB-/ Stable (Assigned)
	Packing Credit	Long Term	12.00	ACUITE BB-/ Stable (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	4.00	ACUITE A4 (Assigned)

*Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	2.00	ACUITE BB-Issuer not co-operating*
Packing Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	12.00	ACUITE BB-Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	4.00	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*

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