

## Press Release

Sri Shanthadurga Cashew Processors

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Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating



| Product                               | Quantum<br>(Rs. Cr) | Long Term Rating                                    | Short Term<br>Rating |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Bank Loan Ratings                     | 5.80                | ACUITE B   Downgraded   Issuer<br>not co-operating* | -                    |
| Total Outstanding<br>Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 5.80                | -                                                   | -                    |

## Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE B**' (read as **ACUITE B**) from '**ACUITE B+**' (read as **ACUITE B plus**) on the Rs. 5.80 crore bank facilities of Sri Shanthadurga Cashew Processors. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

## About the Company

Sri Shanthadurga Cashew Processors (SSCP) is a Mangalore-based proprietorship concern established in 2004 by Mrs. Akshatha Kamath. The firm is engaged in trading and processing of cashew kernels at Mangalore (Karnataka). In 2004, the firm undertook the job work and later in 2009, SSPC started their own processing of cashews which includes steaming, shelling, drying, peeling, grading and packing. Mrs. Kamath is well supported by her husband, Mr. Nagaraj Kamath (Manager), who has an experience of almost two decades in the cashew business.

## Unsupported Rating

Not Applicable

## 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. | 24.11          | 16.99          |
| PAT                           | Rs. Cr. | 0.36           | 0.29           |
| PAT Margin                    | (%)     | 1.48           | 1.73           |
| Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth | Times   | 7.91           | 4.64           |
| PBDIT/Interest                | Times   | 1.75           | 2.02           |

### 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>

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## Rating History

| Date        | Name of Instruments/Facilities | Term      | Amount (Rs. Cr) | Rating/Outlook                                    |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 22 Mar 2023 | Cash Credit                    | Long Term | 5.80            | ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
| 29 Dec 2021 | Cash Credit                    | Long Term | 5.80            | ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & 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                                                              |
|---------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Canara Bank   | Not avl. / Not appl. | Cash Credit | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Simple           | 5.80              | ACUITE B   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating* ( from ACUITE B+ ) |

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