



**Press Release**  
**Sri Shanthadurga Cashew Processors**  
**December 19, 2024**  
**Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating**

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	5.80	ACUITE D   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	5.80	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

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

**Rating Rationale**

Acuite has downgraded its long-term rating to ‘**ACUITE D**’ (read as **ACUITE D**) from ‘**ACUITE B**’ (read as **ACUITE B**) on the Rs.5.80 Cr. bank facilities of Sri Shanthadurga Cashew Processors (SSCP). The rating continues to be flagged as “Issuer Not-Cooperating” and is based on the best available information. The downgrade in rating is on account of banker feedback received mentioning the account categorisation as NPA.

**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:**

Acuite 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. Acuite 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 Acuite’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). Acuite endeavored to gather information about the entity/industry from the public domain. Therefore, Acuite 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
14 Jun 2024	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.80	ACUITE B (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE B+)
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*)

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**Annexure - Details of instruments rated**

<b>Lender's Name</b>	<b>ISIN</b>	<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Date Of Issuance</b>	<b>Coupon Rate</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Quantum (Rs. Cr.)</b>	<b>Complexity Level</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Canara Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	5.80	Simple	ACUITE D   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating* ( from ACUITE B )

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