



Press Release
HCC-AI Faraa JV
June 11, 2024

Rating Downgraded, Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	50.00	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	170.00	-	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	220.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE B**' (read as **ACUITE B**) from '**ACUITE B+**' (read as **ACUITE B plus**) and reaffirmed the short term rating of '**ACUITE A4**' (read as **ACUITE A four**) on the Rs. 220.00 crore bank facilities of HCC-AI Faraa A JV. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

About the Company

Mumbai based, HCC-AI Faraa A JV is a joint venture entity between Hindustan Construction Company Limited (HCC) and Alfaraa Infraprojects Private Limited (AIPL) with profit sharing ratio of 51:49, HCC is the lead member in the joint venture. It was established in 2017. HCC is the lead member in the joint venture. It is formed for the construction of Pune metro rail project under Project – 1. It is responsible for construction, testing and commissioning of the permanent works which will include designing and construction of 09 Metro stations for Pune Metro Corridor – I. The project was directed by Mr Manjunath Bhat.

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). 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

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

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

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

Any other information

None

Applicable Criteria

- Service Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>

Note on Complexity Levels of the Rated Instrument

In order to inform the investors about complexity of instruments, Acuité has categorized such instruments in three levels: Simple, Complex and Highly Complex. Acuite' s categorisation of the instruments across the three categories is based on factors like variability of the returns to the investors, uncertainty in cash flow patterns, number of counterparties and general understanding of the instrument by the market. It has to be understood that complexity is different from credit risk and even an instrument categorized as 'Simple' can carry high levels of risk. For more details, please refer Rating Criteria "Complexity Level Of Financial Instruments" on www.acuite.in.

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
17 Mar 2023	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	50.00	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Bank Guarantee	Short Term	120.00	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Letter of Credit	Short Term	50.00	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
27 Dec 2021	Proposed Letter of Credit	Short Term	50.00	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Bank Guarantee	Short Term	120.00	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	50.00	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
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Bank Guarantee	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	120.00	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	50.00	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE B+)
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Letter of Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	50.00	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*

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