

Press Release

Surface Treatment Systems

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 8.00 Cr #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*

#Refer Annexure for details

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

Acuité has downgraded the long term rating to '**ACUITE BB-**' (**read as ACUITE double B minus**) from '**ACUITE BB**' (**read as ACUITE BB**) and review the Short term rating of '**ACUITE A4+**' (**read as ACUITE A4 plus**) on the Rs.8.00 crore bank facilities of Surface Treatment Systems. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

Surface Treatment Systems was established in 1990 by Mr. Sadashivaiah. The concern is engaged in manufacturing of chassis parts, engine parts, braking systems, clutch components for automotive sector. It is also having a service unit, which is engaged in powder coating and liquid painting of various automotive components. The concern is located in CIPCOT, Hosur, Tamil Nadu which is at close proximity to many. It is a TIER I supplier to Ashok Leyland Ltd., Luk India Ltd., VST Tillers & Tractors Ltd.

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.

This rating continues to be 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-52.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities- <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.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

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

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 (Up to last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Ratings/Outlook
04 October 2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	1.00	ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long Term	2.23	ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating*
	Working Capital Term Loan	Long Term	0.80	ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating*
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	1.22	ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating*
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	1.25	ACUITE BB Issuer not co-operating*
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	1.50	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*
01 August 2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	1.00	ACUITE BB/ Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	2.23	ACUITE BB/ Stable (Assigned)
	Working Capital Term Loan	Long Term	0.80	ACUITE BB/ Stable (Assigned)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	1.22	ACUITE BB/ Stable (Assigned)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	1.25	ACUITE BB/ Stable (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	1.50	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	1.00	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Available	Not Applicable	Not Available	2.23	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating*
Working Capital Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.80	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Bank Facility	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.22	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Bank Facility	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.25	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from ACUITE BB) Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.50	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating*

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