

Press Release
SURFACE TREATMENT SYSTEMS
September 06, 2024



Rating Downgraded, Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Ra
Bank Loan Ratings	6.50	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	1.50	-	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	8.00	-	-

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. 8.00 crore bank facilities of Surface Treatment Systems (STS) on account of information risk. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Surface Treatment Systems (STS) 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.

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 ratings 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 18 (Actual)	FY 17 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	35.08	27.11
PAT	Rs. Cr.	0.89	0.65
PAT Margin	(%)	2.54	2.41
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	1.70	1.00
PBDIT/Interest	Times	3.60	3.80

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>

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
09 Jun 2023	Cash Credit	Long Term	1.00	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	2.23	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Working Capital Term Loan	Long Term	0.80	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	1.22	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Long Term Loan	Long Term	1.25	ACUITE B+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Short Term	1.50	ACUITE A4 (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
22 Mar 2022	Cash Credit	Long Term	1.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB-)
	Term Loan	Long Term	2.23	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB-)
	Working Capital Term Loan	Long Term	0.80	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB-)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	1.22	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB-)
	Proposed Long Term Loan	Long Term	1.25	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB Stable)
	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Short Term	1.50	ACUITE A4 (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE A4+)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Complexity Level	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Small Industries Development Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	1.50	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Small Industries Development Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	1.00	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE B+)
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	1.22	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE B+)
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Long Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	1.25	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE B+)
Small Industries Development Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	2.23	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE B+)
Small Industries Development Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	Working Capital Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	0.80	ACUITE B Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE B+)

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