

Press Release

Sharda Rice Mill

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Rating Assigned



Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 75.00 Cr.
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB+ / Outlook: Stable

* Refer Annexure for details

Rating Rationale

Acuité has assigned long-term rating of '**ACUITE BB+**' (**read as ACUITE BB plus**) on the Rs. 75.00 crore bank facilities of Sharda Rice Mill. The outlook is '**Stable**'.

The firm was established in 1998 as a partnership firm by Mr. Dilip Doshi, Mr. Tapan Doshi and others and is engaged in milling of non-basmati rice at Nagpur, Maharashtra with installed capacity of 45 tons of rice per hour. The firm is also started trading of pulses in FY2017. The company procures raw material i.e. paddy from the local market and from farmers and sells its products mainly to Southern India and Central parts of India.

Key Rating Drivers

Strengths

- **Experienced Management**

SRM is engaged in the business of processing of Non-basmati rice and trading of pulses since 1995. SRM is a partnership firm with partners being Mr. Dilip Doshi, Mr. Tapan Doshi among others who collectively possesses experience of more than two decades in the rice milling industry. Acuité believes that SRM will continue to benefit from its management's extensive track record and well-established distribution channel.

- **Moderate Financial Risk Profile**

The financial risk profile of SRM is moderate marked by net worth (Including Quasi equity of Rs.10.00 crore) of Rs.28.87 crore as on 31 March, 2018 (Prov.) as against Rs.26.34 crore as on 31 March, 2017. The gearing (debt-equity) stood at 2.47 times as on 31 March, 2018 (Prov.) as against 3.60 times as on 31 March, 2017. The sharp increase in gearing is due to infusion of unsecured loans from partners worth Rs.47.95 crore in FY2017. Further the total debt of Rs.71.41 crore as on 31 March, 2018 (Prov.) comprises of Rs.0.35 crore term loan, unsecured loans of Rs.10.07 crore and working capital facility of Rs.60.99 crore. Interest coverage ratio (ICR) stood at 1.44 times for FY2018 (Prov.) as against 1.81 times for FY2017. Total outside liabilities to tangible net worth (TOL/TNW) stood at 3.38 times as on 31 March, 2018 (Prov.) Acuité believes the financial risk profile of the firm will remain moderate marked by steady net cash accruals.

Weaknesses

- **Decline in Revenue due to decline in trading activity**

The revenue has declined in FY2018 (Prov.) to Rs.412.04 crore from Rs.604.67 crore in the previous year. The revenue from trading of pulses stood at Rs.231.56 crore for FY2018 (Prov.) and from processing of rice stood at Rs.178.83 crore as against trading of pulses stood at Rs.445.89 crore and processing of rice stood at Rs.156.79 crore in the previous year.

- **Working capital intensive**

The operations are working capital intensive marked by Gross Current Asset (GCA) days of 103 for FY2018 (Prov.) as compared to 152 for FY2017. The high GCA days for FY2017 are on account of elongated inventory days of 133 for FY2016-17. The increase in inventory day is due to year end purchase of pulses. Further, the debtor days have increased from 22 days in FY2017 to 38 days in FY2018 (Prov.) The working capital facility is ~95 per cent utilised for last three months ending June 2018.

- **Intense market competition**

The company is exposed to intense competition in the industry from cheaper products leading to pressure on margins going ahead.

Analytical Approach

Acuité has considered standalone financial and business risk profile of SRM to arrive at the rating.

Outlook: Stable

Acuité believes that the outlook on SRM's rated facilities will remain stable over the medium term on account of its promoters' extensive experience and established presence in the industry. The outlook may be revised to 'Positive' in case of significant growth in revenue and improvement in profitability while effectively managing its liquidity position. Conversely, the outlook may be revised to 'Negative' in case of significant decline in revenues and accruals or elongation in the working capital cycle.

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

	Unit	FY18 (Actual)	FY17 (Actual)	FY16 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	412.04	604.67	146.55
EBITDA	Rs. Cr.	10.52	12.75	6.53
PAT	Rs. Cr.	3.24	4.97	2.32
EBITDA Margin (%)	(%)	2.55	2.11	4.46
PAT Margin (%)	(%)	0.79	0.82	1.58
ROCE (%)	(%)	0.00	14.52	13.26
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	0.00	6.41	1.95
PBDIT/Interest	Times	1.44	1.81	1.85
Total Debt/PBDIT	Times	0.00	8.17	4.54
Gross Current Assets (Days)	Days	0	152	102

Any other information

Not Applicable

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/criteria-default.htm>
- Trading Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-6.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-4.htm>
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-20.htm>

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument

<https://www.acuite.in/criteria-complexity-levels.htm>

Rating History (Upto last three years)

Not Applicable

***Annexure – Details of instruments rated**

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	35.00	ACUITE BB+ / Stable
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	10.00	ACUITE BB+ / Stable
Ad-hoc limits (Fund Based)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	5.00	ACUITE BB+ / Stable

Term loans	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3.00	ACUITE BB+ / Stable
Term loans	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.65	ACUITE BB+ / Stable
Proposed	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	21.35	ACUITE BB+ / Stable

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