



Press Release
Upaj Investment And Finance Private Limited
April 05, 2024
Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

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

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed its long-term rating of **'ACUITE B-' (read as ACUITE B Minus)** on the Rs 8.00 crore bank facilities of Upaj Investment and Finance Private Limited (UIFPL). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Incorporated in 1990, UPAJ Investments & Finance Private Limited was engaged in investing in shares & stocks of companies for long term purposes. Virtually, this company's role was to park the funds of the promoters in the form of investments in shares and securities & sell off the shares as and when profit was booked. The company has its registered office in Mumbai, Maharashtra and the manufacturing unit is at Vapi, Gujarat.

However, in the year 2018, the company ventured into manufacturing punnets & clamshells under the same brand name. The construction started in around May – June 2018 and commercial operations started in December 2018. The said products are widely used in packaging of fruits, eggs, meat & other perishable products.

The company has obtained necessary registrations for starting the manufacturing and the same was started in May 2019. The company exports most of its products to Mediterranean Countries, where Fruits / Vegetables are grown. To name a few, Spain, Italy, South Africa, Mexico, California.

Directors of the company are Mr. Janak Ghanshyamlal Parekh and Mr. Tejas Uppal Parekh.

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 has also been requesting for No Default Statements (NDS); however, despite multiple requests; the Company's management has remained non-cooperative and not submitted the NDS for the preceding 03 consecutive months. Acuite believes that information risk is a critical component in such ratings, and noncooperation 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 endeavoured 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.

Rating Sensitivities

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 22 (Actual)	FY 21 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	11.97	6.85
PAT	Rs. Cr.	(1.08)	(1.02)
PAT Margin	(%)	(8.98)	(14.94)
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	2.87	0.89
PBDIT/Interest	Times	1.67	1.28

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

Any other information

None

Applicable Criteria

- Application Of Financial Ratios And Adjustments: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.htm>

Note on Complexity Levels of the Rated Instrument

In order to inform the investors about complexity of instruments, Acuite 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 Jan 2023	Cash Credit	Long Term	1.00	ACUITE B- Stable (Downgraded from ACUITE B Stable)
	Term Loan	Long Term	3.78	ACUITE B- Stable (Downgraded from ACUITE B Stable)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	2.38	ACUITE B- Stable (Downgraded from ACUITE B Stable)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.84	ACUITE B- Stable (Downgraded from ACUITE B Stable)
19 Oct 2021	Term Loan	Long Term	0.50	ACUITE B Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE B- Stable)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	2.17	ACUITE B Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE B- Stable)
	Term Loan	Long Term	4.33	ACUITE B Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE B- Stable)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	1.00	ACUITE B Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE B- Stable)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Complexity Level	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Bank of Baroda	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	1.00	ACUITE B- Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	2.38	ACUITE B- Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*
Bank of Baroda	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	31 Oct 2024	Simple	0.84	ACUITE B- Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*
Bank of Baroda	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	31 May 2025	Simple	3.78	ACUITE B- Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*

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