

Press Release

RDS Project Limited

March 01, 2021

Rating reaffirmed and withdrawn



Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 585.00 Cr.
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BBB+/Stable (Reaffirmed and withdrawn)
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)

* Refer Annexure for details

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE BBB+**' (read as **ACUITE triple B plus**) and the short term rating of '**ACUITE A2**' (read as **ACUITE A two**) on the Rs. 585.00 Crore bank facilities of RDS Project Limited (RDSPL). The outlook is '**Stable**'.

Further, Acuite has withdrawn the Long-term rating of '**ACUITE BBB+**' (read as **ACUITE triple B plus**) on the Rs. 3.16 crore bank facilities of RDS Project Limited.

About the Company

Delhi-based, RPL was incorporated in 1992 by Mr. Madan Lal Goyal. RPL is engaged in undertaking infrastructure and civil construction activities of Industrial Buildings, Roads and Highways, Dams, Bridges, Marine works (mainly Break Waters, Jetties, Groynes, Piling), Housing Complexes as well as in Real Estate Business. RPL majorly undertakes projects with National Highways Authority of India, Central Public Work Department, Kerala Public Work Department, Other States Public Work Departments, Southern Railways and Andaman & Nicobar Administration. The company has its presence in Chennai, Kochi, Trivandrum, Port Blair and Mizoram.

Analytical Approach

Acuite has considered the standalone business and financial risk profile of RDSPL to arrive at the rating.

Key Rating Drivers

Strengths

- Established track record of operation and experience management:**

RDSPL is a Delhi based public limited company which is engaged in infrastructure development for almost three decades with its major operations spread in Chennai, Kochi, Trivandrum, Port Blair and Mizoram. The company is being promoted by Mr. Madan Lal Goyal and Mr. Sumit Goyal. Founders of the company, Mr. Madan Lal Goyal, have a vast experience of over five decades in the aforementioned industry. The management is ably supported by a well-qualified and experienced team of professionals. The extensive experience of the promoters in the industry has helped the company build its market presence. The company caters to reputed clientele, which includes National Highways Authority of India, Central Public Work Department, Kerala Public Work Department, Other States Public Work Departments, Southern Railways, to name a few.

Acuite believes the company will benefit from its experienced management and healthy relations with suppliers.

- Healthy financial risk profile:**

RDSPL's financial risk profile is healthy, marked by a healthy net worth, low gearing and healthy debt protection metrics. The company's net worth has subsequently improved to Rs.191.06 crore as on March 31, 2020 as against Rs.180.63 crore as on March 31, 2019 on account of healthy accretion to reserves during the same period. The company has followed a conservative financial policy in the past, the same is reflected through its peak gearing level. The gearing level (debt-equity) improved to 0.50 times as on March 31, 2020

from 0.68 times as on March 31, 2019. The gearing of the company is expected to remain low over the medium term on account of absence of any major debt funded capex plans and moderate accretion to reserves. The total debt of Rs.95.92 crore as on March 31, 2020 consists of long-term debt of Rs.23.57 crore and working capital borrowings of Rs.72.34 crore. The interest coverage (ICR) ratio stood moderate at around 2.37 times to 2.80 times over the last three years. Debt to EBITDA stood at 1.78 times in FY2020 as against 1.90 times in FY2019. NCA/TD (Net Cash Accruals to Total Debt) ratio stood at 0.27 times in FY2020 and 0.25 times in FY2019.

Acuite believes that the financial risk profile of the company is expected to remain healthy backed by above average net cash accruals and in absence of any major debt funded capex in near to medium term.

• **Healthy order book position**

RDSPL registered an operating income of Rs.320.27 crore in FY2020 as against Rs.415.75 crore in FY2019. The company has reported revenue of Rs.187 crore for April – December, 2020. The decline in revenue is due to slow execution of orders caused by COVID-19 pandemic followed by nationwide lockdown. Moreover, the company has an unexecuted order book position of ~Rs.1806 crore as on 31st December 2020, thereby giving healthy revenue visibility in medium term. The orders are spread across states and cities such as Chennai, Kochi, Trivandrum, Port Blair and Mizoram.

Weaknesses

• **Moderate working capital nature of operations**

The working capital management of the company is highly intensive in FY2020 marked by increase in Gross Current Assets (GCA) to 367 days in FY2020 as against 287 days in FY2019. The inventory and debtor levels stood at 258 days and 4 days in FY2020 as against 166 and 16 days in FY2019, respectively. The creditor days stood at 115 days in FY2020 as against 95 days in FY2019. As a result, the average utilization of bank limits stood high at ~95 per cent in the last six months ending November 2020.

Acuite believes that the working capital requirements will continue to remain moderate over the medium term on account of high inventory and debtor days.

• **Competitive and fragmented industry**

RDSPL is engaged as an EPC contractor. The company faces intense competition from the presence of several mid to large sized players in the said industry. The risk becomes more pronounced as tendering is based on minimum amount of bidding on contracts and susceptibility to inherent cyclicity in the road sector. The recent relaxation of qualification norms by the Central Government for undertaking road projects is further expected to intensify the competitive scenario in the industry. However, in face of such competitive pressures, Acuite believes that RDSPL is well positioned on account of its longstanding relationship with the government authorities in the infrastructure industry and the long track-record and experience of its promoters spanning nearing three decades.

Rating sensitivity

- Continuous decline in operating income for the last 2 years.
- Significant deterioration in working capital

Material Covenant

None

Liquidity position: Strong

The Company has strong liquidity marked by high net cash accruals to its maturing debt obligations. The company generated cash accruals of Rs.25.54 Crore in FY2020 as against CPLTD of Rs.7.71 Crore for the same period. The cash accruals of the company are estimated to remain in the range of around Rs.26.00 Crore to Rs.40.00Crore during FY2021-23 against CPLTD of not more than Rs.7.00 Crore each year for the same period. Although, company's working capital operations are intensive marked by Gross Current Asset (GCA) days of 367 days in FY2020. As a result, the average utilization of bank limits stood high at ~95 per cent in the last six months ending November 2020. Company maintains unencumbered cash and bank balances of Rs.16.84 Crore as on 31 March 2020. The current ratio stands at 1.59 times as on 31 March 2020.

Outlook: Stable

Acuite believes that RDSPL will continue to benefit over the medium term due to its experienced management, healthy revenue visibility and comfortable debt protection metrics. The outlook may be

revised to 'Positive', if the company demonstrates substantial and sustained growth in its revenues while maintaining its working capital. Conversely, the outlook may be revised to 'Negative', in case the company registers lower-than-expected growth in revenues and profitability or if the financial risk profile deteriorates due to higher than expected elongation in working capital leading to deterioration in liquidity.

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

	Unit	FY20 (Actual)	FY19 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	320.27	415.75
PAT	Rs. Cr.	10.44	16.46
PAT Margin	(%)	3.26	3.96
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	0.50	0.68
PBDIT/Interest	Times	2.37	2.53

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA (if applicable)

Not applicable

Any other information

Not Applicable

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Infrastructure Entities- <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-51.htm>
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm>

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument

<https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-55.htm>

Rating History (Up to last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Ratings/Outlook
02-December-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	35.00	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	4.00	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	33.00	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	1.50	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	6.50	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	17.50	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.00	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	9.00	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	2.29	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.16	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)

	Term Loan	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	2.00	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Bills Discounting	Short Term	5.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	50.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	19.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	24.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	301.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	33.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	26.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	6.05	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
05-September-2018	Cash Credit	Long term	35.00	ACUITE BBB+/ Stable (Assigned)
	Cash Credit	Long term	4.00	ACUITE BBB+/ Stable (Assigned)
	Cash Credit	Long term	33.00	ACUITE BBB+/ Stable (Assigned)
	Cash Credit	Long term	1.50	ACUITE BBB+/ Stable (Assigned)
	Cash Credit	Long term	6.50	ACUITE BBB+/ Stable (Assigned)
	Cash Credit	Long term	17.50	ACUITE BBB+/ Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loans	Long term	1.00	ACUITE BBB+/ Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loans	Long term	9.00	ACUITE BBB+/ Stable (Assigned)
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	Bills discounting	Short term	5.00	ACUITE A2 (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Credit	Short term	50.00	ACUITE A2 (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Credit	Short term	19.00	ACUITE A2 (Assigned)
	Letter of Credit	Short term	24.00	ACUITE A2 (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Credit	Short term	301.00	ACUITE A2 (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Credit	Short term	33.00	ACUITE A2 (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Credit	Short term	26.00	ACUITE A2 (Assigned)
	Proposed bank facility	Long term	6.05	ACUITE BBB+/ Stable (Assigned)

***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 BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	4.00	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	33.00	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.50	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	6.50	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	12.00	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
Term Loan	Not available	Not Applicable	Not available	1.00	ACUITE BBB+ (Withdrawn)

Term Loan	Not available	Not Applicable	Not available	5.98	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
Term Loan	Not available	Not Applicable	Not available	2.01	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
Term Loan	Not available	Not Applicable	Not available	0.16	ACUITE BBB+ (Withdrawn)
Term Loan	Not available	Not Applicable	Not available	2.00	ACUITE BBB+ (Withdrawn)
Term Loan	Not available	Not Applicable	Not available	3.86	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
Term Loan	Not available	Not Applicable	Not available	0.77	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
Term Loan	Not available	Not Applicable	Not available	2.00	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)
Bills Discounting	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	5.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	50.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	19.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	24.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	301.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	33.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	26.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
Proposed Bank Facility	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	20.38	ACUITE BBB+ /Stable (Reaffirmed)

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