

Press Release

Niros Ispat Private Limited

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 86.00 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB- /Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3) 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 of Niros Ispat Private Limited (NIPL) to '**ACUITE BB**' (**read as ACUITE double B**) from '**ACUITE BBB-**' (**read as ACUITE triple B minus**). The short term rating has been downgraded to '**ACUITE A4+**' (**read as ACUITE A four plus**) from '**ACUITE A3**' (**ACUITE A three**). The rating is now an indicative rating and is downgraded on account of information risk.

NIPL is a Bhilai-based company incorporated in 2001 by Raipur-based Agarwal and Goyal family. The promoters have holding in NIPL through Raipur Loha Private Limited, Gangour Agencies Private Limited and Lingaraj Food & Beverages Private Limited. The day to day operations of the company is managed by Mr. Anil Kumar Agarwal, Mr. Ashish Kumar Goyal and Mr. Ashish Kumar Agarwal.

NIPL is engaged in manufacturing of coal based sponge iron, MS ingots, MS billets and steel strips. The manufacturing facility is located in Bhilai (Chhattisgarh) with 97,500 TPA capacity for sponge iron, 60000 TPA for MS billets and 90000 TPA for steel strips (rolling mill). It has also set-up 8 MW power plant for captive consumption. NIPL has integrated operations wherein it manufactures sponge iron which is then used for the production of billets and the entire MS billet production is used in the rolling mill to produce steel strips. The company presently sells its products to dealers and steel pipe manufacturers

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 due date.

Acuité 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 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)

Not Applicable

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 (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
09-Oct-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	40.00	ACUITE BBB- /Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	9.06	ACUITE BBB- /Stable (Assigned)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	23.00	ACUITE A3 (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	2.00	ACUITE A3 (Assigned)
	Proposed Term Loan	Long Term	11.94	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
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	40.00	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	9.06	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*
Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	23.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3) Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	2.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3) Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	11.94	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*

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