

Press Release

AAKAF STEEL PRIVATE LIMITED

August 17, 2023

Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating



Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	18.00	ACUITE B+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	3.00	-	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	21.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed the long-term rating of 'ACUITE B+' (read as ACUITE B Plus) and the short-term rating of 'ACUITE A4' (read as ACUITE A Four) on the Rs.21.00 Cr bank facilities of Aakaf Steel Private Limited (ASPL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

The Gujarat based, Aakaf Steel Private Limited (erstwhile Aakaf Steel) was originally established as a proprietorship firm in 1992 which then merged with Aakaf Industrial Corporation and the constitution was changed to private limited company in 2000. The company is engaged in trading of iron and steel products mainly steel plates, channels, beams, bars, among others. The company is promoted by Mr. Abdul kadir H. Memon, Mr. Abdul Gafar H. Nagani, Mr. Afzal Nagani and Mr. Mohamad Nagani.

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 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). 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 rating is based.

Rating Sensitivity

"No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon."

Material Covenants

None

Liquidity Position

"No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon."

Outlook

Not Applicable

Other Factors affecting Rating

Not Applicable

Key Financials

Particulars	Unit	FY 22 (Actual)	FY 21 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	151.50	86.33
PAT	Rs. Cr.	0.73	0.46
PAT Margin	(%)	0.48	0.53
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	2.30	1.85
PBDIT/Interest	Times	1.61	1.41

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

None

Any other information

Acuité is yet to receive the latest No Default Statement (NDS) from the rated entity, despite repeated requests and follow-ups.

Applicable Criteria

- Trading Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-61.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.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. Acuité'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
19 May 2022	Cash Credit	Long Term	18.00	ACUITE B+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bills Discounting	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A4 (Issuer not co-operating*)
17 Feb 2021	Bills Discounting	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A4 (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	18.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Complexity Level	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Union Bank of India	Not Applicable	Bills Discounting	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	3.00	ACUITE A4 Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Union Bank of India	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	18.00	ACUITE B+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*

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