

Press Release

National Educational Society

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Rating Update

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| Total Bank Facilities Rated* | Rs. 102.00 Cr. # |
| Long Term Rating | ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB+/Negative) Issuer not co-operating* |

Refer Annexure for details

* The issuer did not co-operate; Based on best available information.

Acuité has reviewed and downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE BB+**' (**read as ACUITE double B plus**) from '**ACUITE BBB+**' (**read as ACUITE triple B plus**) on the Rs. 102.00 crore bank facilities of National Educational Society (NES). The rating downgrade is on account of information risk. This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on the best available information.

About National Educational Society

NES, established in 1994, is registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950. Mr. Jesus Lall is chairman of the trust. NES is a part of Universal Education Group (UEG). The society is running pre-primary, primary and secondary schools in Maharashtra.

About UEG

UEG has a presence in education since 2003. Mr. Jesus Lall is the founder. The group runs 44 educational institutions across 28 entities and offers K-12 education, degree and technical courses. While most of the entities are in education sector, some of them are asset holding and provides support services to the institutes. The group has its presence in Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

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>
- Entities in Services Sector - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.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 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.

Liquidity Position

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

Rating Sensitivities

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

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

None

Rating History (Upto last three years)

| Date | Name of Instrument / Facilities | Term | Amount (Rs. Cr.) | Ratings/Outlook |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| 20-Nov-2019 | Term Loan | Long Term | 0.29 | ACUITE BBB+/ Negative (Downgraded) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 0.95 | ACUITE BBB+/ Negative (Downgraded) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 2.88 | ACUITE BBB+/ Negative (Downgraded) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 6.13 | ACUITE BBB+/ Negative (Downgraded) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 4.90 | ACUITE BBB+/ Negative (Downgraded) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 0.39 | ACUITE BBB+/ Negative (Downgraded) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 50.00 | ACUITE BBB+/ Negative (Downgraded) |
| | Proposed Bank Facility | Long Term | 36.46 | ACUITE BBB+/ Negative (Downgraded) |
| 19-Oct-2018 | Term Loan | Long Term | 0.35 | ACUITE A- /Stable (Assigned) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 1.17 | ACUITE A- /Stable (Assigned) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 3.32 | ACUITE A- /Stable (Assigned) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 6.35 | ACUITE A- /Stable (Assigned) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 5.12 | ACUITE A- /Stable (Assigned) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 0.46 | ACUITE A- /Stable (Assigned) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 0.07 | ACUITE A- /Stable (Assigned) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 50.00 | ACUITE A- /Stable (Assigned) |
| | Proposed Term Loan | Long Term | 0.15 | ACUITE A- /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 |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Term Loan | Not Available | Not Applicable | 10-Mar-2022 | 0.29 | ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB+) Issuer not co-operating* |
| Term Loan | Not Available | Not Applicable | 03-Oct-2022 | 0.95 | ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB+) Issuer not co-operating* |
| Term Loan | Not Available | Not Applicable | 11-Mar-2023 | 2.88 | ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB+) |

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| | | | | | Issuer not co-operating* |
| Term Loan | Not Available | Not Applicable | 01-Jan-2025 | 6.13 | ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB+) Issuer not co-operating* |
| Term Loan | Not Available | Not Applicable | 01-Jan-2025 | 4.90 | ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB+) Issuer not co-operating* |
| Term Loan | Not Available | Not Applicable | 01-Sep-2023 | 0.39 | ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB+) Issuer not co-operating* |
| Term Loan | Not Available | Not Applicable | 01-Jan-2029 | 50.00 | ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB+) Issuer not co-operating* |
| Proposed Bank Facility | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | 36.46 | ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB+) Issuer not co-operating* |

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