

Press Release

National Educational Society

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Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	102.00	ACUITE BB+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	102.00	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE BB+** (read as **ACUITE double B plus**) on the Rs. 102.00 crore bank facilities of National Educational Society (NES). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

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 the Group

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:

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 an unwillingness to provide information could be a sign of potential deterioration in its overall credit quality.

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 has endeavoured 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.

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

The rated entity has not shared the latest financial statements despite repeated requests.

Rating Sensitivity

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

Material Covenants

Not Applicable

Liquidity Position

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

Outlook

Not Applicable

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

Any other information

None

Applicable Criteria

- Service Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>

Note on Complexity Levels of the Rated Instrument

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

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
04 Mar 2021	Term Loan	Long Term	0.39	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	4.90	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.95	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	6.13	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	2.88	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	36.46	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.29	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	50.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	36.46	ACUITE BBB+ Negative (Downgraded from ACUITE A- Stable)
	Term Loan	Long Term	2.88	ACUITE BBB+ Negative (Downgraded from ACUITE A- Stable)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.29	ACUITE BBB+ Negative (Downgraded from ACUITE A- Stable)

20 Nov 2019	Term Loan	Long Term	4.90	ACUITE BBB+ Negative (Downgraded from ACUITE A- Stable)
	Term Loan	Long Term	50.00	ACUITE BBB+ Negative (Downgraded from ACUITE A- Stable)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.95	ACUITE BBB+ Negative (Downgraded from ACUITE A- Stable)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.39	ACUITE BBB+ Negative (Downgraded from ACUITE A- Stable)
	Term Loan	Long Term	6.13	ACUITE BBB+ Negative (Downgraded from ACUITE A- Stable)
19 Oct 2018	Term Loan	Long Term	50.00	ACUITE A- Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.35	ACUITE A- Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.07	ACUITE A- Stable (Assigned)
	Proposed Term Loan	Long Term	0.15	ACUITE A- Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	1.17	ACUITE A- Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	6.35	ACUITE A- Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	3.32	ACUITE A- Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.46	ACUITE A- Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	5.12	ACUITE A- Stable (Assigned)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	36.46	ACUITE BB+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Karur Vysya Bank	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	0.29	ACUITE BB+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Karur Vysya Bank	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	2.88	ACUITE BB+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Karur Vysya Bank	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	6.13	ACUITE BB+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
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Karur Vysya Bank	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	0.95	ACUITE BB+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Karur Vysya Bank	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	0.39	ACUITE BB+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Union Bank of India	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	50.00	ACUITE BB+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*

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