

Press Release

SML EduInfra Private Limited

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Rating Withdrawn



Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 58.00 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded & Withdrawn; Issuer not co-operating*)

Refer Annexure for details

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

Acuité has downgraded and withdrawn long-term rating to '**ACUITE BB+**' (read as **ACUITE double B plus**) from '**ACUITE BBB+**' (read as **ACUITE triple B plus**) on the Rs. 58.00 crore bank facilities of SML Edu Infra Private Limited (SEIPL). The rating withdrawal is in accordance with Acuité's policy on withdrawal of rating. The rating is now an indicative rating and is downgraded on account of information risk.

The rating is being withdrawn on account of request received from the company and NOC received from the banker.

About SML Edu Infra Private Limited

SEIPL, incorporated in 2011, is promoted by Mr. Jesus Lall. SEIPL is a part of Universal Education Group (UEG). SEIPL manages a Pre-Primary school and provides infrastructure services to Abraham Memorial Education Trust.

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 supporting 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.

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

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	37.10	ACUITE BBB+/ Negative (Downgraded)
	Term Loan	Long Term	16.78	ACUITE BBB+/ Negative (Downgraded)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	4.12	ACUITE BBB+/ Negative (Downgraded)
19-Oct-2018	Term Loan	Long Term	40.24	ACUITE A- /Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	17.47	ACUITE A- /Stable (Assigned)
	Proposed Term Loan	Long Term	0.29	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	06-Jul- 2023	37.10	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded & Withdrawn; Issuer not co-operating*)
Term Loan	Not Available	Not Applicable	11-Jan-2025	16.78	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded & Withdrawn; Issuer not co-operating*)
Proposed Bank Facility	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	4.12	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded & Withdrawn; Issuer not co-operating*)

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