

Press Release

Quality Tea Plantations Private Limited

August 05, 2022



Rating Reaffirmed & Withdrawn and Issuer not co-operating

| Product | Quantum (Rs. Cr) | Long Term Rating | Short Term Rating |
|---|------------------|--|--|
| Bank Ratings Loan | 0.75 | - | ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed & Withdrawn Issuer not co-operating* |
| Bank Ratings Loan | 23.25 | ACUITE BB+ Reaffirmed & Withdrawn Issuer not co-operating* | - |
| Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 0.00 | - | - |
| Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 24.00 | - | - |

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed & withdrawn the long term rating of '**ACUITE BB+**' (read as **ACUITE double B plus**) and the short-term rating of '**ACUITE A4+**' (read as **ACUITE A four plus**) on the Rs.24.00 Cr bank facilities of Quality Tea Plantations Private Limited (QTPPL). The rating withdrawal is in accordance with Acuite's policy on withdrawal of rating. The rating is flagged as "Issuer NotCooperating". The rating is being withdrawn on account of request received from the company and NOC received from the banker.

About the Company

Incorporated in 1989, Quality Tea Plantations Private Limited (QTPPL) is engaged in manufacturing and processing of tea. The company owns a tea garden situated at Jalpaiguri, West Bengal. The estate, namely Kurti Tea Estate is spread across 625 hectares of garden area with 465 hectares of plantation area. The company is promoted by Mr. Balkrishna Dalmia and Mr. Rajat Dalmia. QTPPL produces black tea, which it sells in the domestic market through a mix of auction and private sales. The company has 25.00 Lacs Kg per annum of installed capacity for CTC tea.

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. This rating is therefore being flagged as "Issuer notcooperating", 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 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

ratings 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

None

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

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

Applicable Criteria

- Manufacturing Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Application Of Financial Ratios And Adjustments: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.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 |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--|
| 07 Jun 2022 | Term Loan | Long Term | 2.29 | ACUITE BB+ (Issuer not co-operating*) |
| | Proposed Bank Facility | Long Term | 0.69 | ACUITE BB+ (Issuer not co-operating*) |
| | Bank Guarantee | Short Term | 0.75 | ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 1.71 | ACUITE BB+ (Issuer not co-operating*) |
| | Cash Credit | Long Term | 18.56 | ACUITE BB+ (Issuer not co-operating*) |
| 24 Mar 2021 | Cash Credit | Long Term | 18.56 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 2.29 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 1.71 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed) |
| | Proposed Bank Facility | Long Term | 0.69 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed) |
| | Bank Guarantee | Short Term | 0.75 | ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed) |

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|-------------|------------------------|------------|-------|----------------------------------|
| 25 Feb 2021 | Term Loan | Long Term | 1.71 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed) |
| | Proposed Bank Facility | Long Term | 0.69 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed) |
| | Bank Guarantee | Short Term | 0.75 | ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed) |
| | Cash Credit | Long Term | 18.56 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 2.29 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed) |
| 29 Nov 2019 | Proposed Bank Facility | Long Term | 0.69 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 1.71 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed) |
| | Cash Credit | Long Term | 18.56 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 1.01 | ACUITE BB+ (Withdrawn) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 2.29 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed) |
| | Bank Guarantee | Short Term | 0.75 | ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed) |
| 06 Nov 2018 | Cash Credit | Long Term | 13.81 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Assigned) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 0.01 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Assigned) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 1.84 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Assigned) |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 2.29 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Assigned) |
| | Bank Guarantee | Short Term | 0.75 | ACUITE A4+ (Assigned) |
| | | Long | | |
| | Proposed Bank Facility | Term | 0.30 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Assigned) |

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

| Lender's Name | ISIN | Facilities | Date Of Issuance | Coupon Rate | Maturity Date | Quantum (Rs. Cr.) | Rating |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|--|
| Punjab National Bank | Not Applicable | Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | 0.75 | ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed & Withdrawn Issuer not co-operating* |
| Punjab National Bank | Not Applicable | Cash Credit | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | 18.56 | ACUITE BB+ Reaffirmed & Withdrawn Issuer not co-operating* |
| Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Proposed Long Term Bank Facility | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | 0.69 | ACUITE BB+ Reaffirmed & Withdrawn Issuer not co-operating* |
| Punjab National Bank | Not Applicable | Term Loan | 26-03-2019 | 8.3 | 30-09-2021 | 1.71 | ACUITE BB+ Reaffirmed & Withdrawn Issuer not co-operating* |
| Punjab National Bank | Not Applicable | Term Loan | 26-03-2019 | 8.3 | 31-03-2025 | 2.29 | ACUITE BB+ Reaffirmed & Withdrawn Issuer not co-operating* |

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