

Press Release

Kalinagar Tea and Agro Co. Private Limited (KTAPL)

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 11.22 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-/Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*

Refer Annexure for details`

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

ACUITE has downgraded long term rating to '**ACUITE B+** (read as ACUITE Bplus) from '**ACUITE BB-** (read as ACUITE double B minus) and reaffirmed short term rating of '**ACUITE A4**' (read as ACUITE A four) on the Rs 11.22 crore bank facilities of Kalinagar Tea and Agro Co. Private Limited (KTAPL). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

Kalinagar Tea & Agro Co. Private Limited (KTACPL) was incorporated in the year 2014. The company is mainly into processing of tea. The company generally follows CTC process, i.e. crush-tear-curl process. The company is promoted by Mr. Shambhu Kumar Agarwal, Mr. Vikas Agarwal, Ms. Prity Agarwal and Mr. Vivek Agarwal.

The company mostly procures green tea leafs from tea leaf brokers and after processing they again sells them to brokers. The company generally procures green tea leaves from the brokers. For processing 1 Kg of CTC tea generally 4 -5 Kgs of green tea leaves are required. The company is currently using 80 percent of their installed capacity.

Analytical Approach

Acuité has considered the standalone business and financial risk profiles of KTAPL to arrive at this rating.

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/criteria-default.htm>
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-20.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-4.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 endeavored 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.

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

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

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA (if applicable)

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.

Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
17-Dec-2018	Term loan	Long Term	3.25	ACUITE BB-/Stable (Assigned)
	Term loan II	Long Term	1.02	ACUITE BB-/Stable (Assigned)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	4.50	ACUITE BB-/Stable (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	0.20	ACUITE A4 (Assigned)
	Proposed Long Term Loan	Long Term	2.25	ACUITE BB-/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
Term loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3.25	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-/Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
Term loan II	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.02	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-/Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	4.50	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-/Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.20	ACUITE A4 Issuer not co-operating*
Proposed Long Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	2.25	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-/Stable) Issuer not co-operating*

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