



Press Release
HAVUKAL TEA AND PRODUCE COMPANY PRIVATE LIMITED
August 19, 2025
Rating Downgraded, Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	3.50	ACUITE BB Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	4.00	-	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	7.50	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-
* The issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information.			

Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded its long-term rating to 'ACUITE BB' (read as ACUITE double B) from 'ACUITE BB+' (read as ACUITE double B plus) and reaffirmed its short-term rating to 'ACUITE A4+' (read as ACUITE A four plus) on Rs.7.50 Cr. bank facilities of Havukal Tea and Produce Company Private Limited (HTPCPL).

The rating downgrade is on account of information risk. The rating is now flagged as “Issuer Not-Cooperating” on account of information risk and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Havukal Tea and Produce Company Private Limited (HTPCPL) was established in 1976. The company is engaged in manufacturing of Orthodox black tea. The Present Directors of the company are Mr. Anandkumar Rengaswamy, Mr. Thangavelu Jayaraman, Mr. Nandakumar Ramaswami and Mr. Jayaraman Karthik Narayan. The registered office of the company is in Tamil Nadu.

About the Group

Havukal Group comprises of two companies namely- ‘Havukal Tea and Produce Company Private Limited’ and ‘Maris Agro Products Private Limited’. The group was established in 1976 and is engaged in manufacturing of orthodox black tea and orthodox green tea of various grades respectively.

Unsupported Rating

Not applicable

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. This rating is therefore being flagged as “Issuer not-cooperating”, in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuite’s policies.

This 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. Any rating with the suffix 'Issuer not cooperating' is assigned without any management interaction with the issuer entity or any data / information from the entity. Sometimes this non co-operation by a rated entity may be due to a result of deterioration in the credit risk profile of the entity. Therefore, Acuité cautions lenders and investors regarding the use of such information, on which the indicative credit rating is based.

Rating Sensitivities

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

Liquidity Position

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

Outlook: Not applicable

Other Factors affecting Rating

None

Key Financials

Particulars	Unit	FY 23 (Actual)	FY 22 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	54.71	56.67
PAT	Rs. Cr.	(1.42)	(1.89)
PAT Margin	(%)	(2.60)	(3.34)
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	0.39	0.35
PBDIT/Interest	Times	3.43	3.34

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not applicable

Any other information

None

Applicable Criteria

- Application Of Financial Ratios And Adjustments: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm>
- Consolidation Of Companies: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-60.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.htm>

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Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
27 May 2024	PC/PCFC	Short Term	2.50	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
	Bills Discounting	Short Term	1.50	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	1.00	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.83	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.88	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	0.79	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
27 Feb 2023	PC/PCFC	Short Term	2.50	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
	Bills Discounting	Short Term	1.50	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	1.00	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.83	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.88	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	0.79	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
07 Oct 2022	PC/PCFC	Short Term	2.50	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bills Discounting	Short Term	1.50	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	1.00	ACUITE BB+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.83	ACUITE BB+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	0.88	ACUITE BB+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	0.79	ACUITE BB+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Complexity Level	Rating
Central Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	Bills Discounting	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	1.50	Simple	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Central Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	1.00	Simple	ACUITE BB Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB+)
Central Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	PC/PCFC	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	2.50	Simple	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	0.79	Simple	ACUITE BB Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB+)
Central Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	28 Feb 2023	0.83	Simple	ACUITE BB Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB+)
Central Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	28 Jan 2025	0.88	Simple	ACUITE BB Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB+)

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

*Annexure 2 - List of Entities (applicable for Consolidation or Parent / Group / Govt. Support)

Sr.no	Company Name
1	Havukal Tea and Produce Company Private Limited
2	Maris Agro Products Private Limited

Disclosure of list of non-cooperative issuers

- Listed :- https://www.acuite.in/Non-Cooperative_Issuer_Listed.php
- Unlisted :- https://www.acuite.in/Non-Cooperative_Issuer_Unlisted.php

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