

Press Release

Arjuna Natural Limited (Erstwhile Arjuna Natural Extracts Limited)



December 23, 2022

Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating		
Bank Loan Ratings	14.30	ACUITE BB Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	-		
Bank Loan Ratings	35.70	-	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*		
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	50.00	-	-		
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-		

Rating Rationale

Acuité has reaffirmed the long term rating of 'ACUITE BB' (read as ACUITE double B) and the short term rating of 'ACUITE A4+ '(read as ACUITE A four plus) on the Rs.50.00 Cr bank facilities of Arjuna Natural Private Limited (ANPL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

The Kerala-based Arjuna Natural Private Limited (ANPL), incorporated in 1989 under the directorship of Mr. P.J. Kunjachan and his brother in law, Mr. Benny Antony is engaged in the manufacture of herbal spices' extracts and formulations at Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Currently, curcumin extract from turmeric contributes to over 67 per cent of its overall revenue. The other extracts are boswellia, mustard oil, garcinia, omega fish oil, pomegranate among others. The company has a Research and Development unit in Kerala.

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 the 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 continues to be flagged as "Issuer not-cooperating", in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuité'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). 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.

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

Other Factors affecting Rating

Not Applicable

Key Financials

Particulars	Unit	FY 22 (Actual)	FY 21 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	358.77	392.32
PAT	Rs. Cr.	70.28	85.60
PAT Margin	(%)	19.59	21.82
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	0.19	0.20
PBDIT/Interest	Times	54.16	66.51

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

None

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

In order to inform the investors about complexity of instruments, Acuité has categorized such instruments in three levels: Simple, Complex and Highly Complex. Acuite's categorisation of the instruments across the three categories is based on factors like variability of the returns to the investors, uncertainty in cash flow patterns, number of counterparties and general understanding of the instrument by the market. It has to be understood that complexity is different from credit risk and even an instrument categorized as 'Simple' can carry high levels

of risk. For more details, please refer Rating Criteria "Complexity Level Of Financial Instruments" on www.acuite.in.

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
27 Sep 2021	Packing Credit	Short Term	3.50	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	25.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	13.50	ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Post Shipment Credit	Short Term	0.20	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.80	ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	7.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
01 Jul 2020	Packing Credit	Short Term	7.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	13.50	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Post Shipment Credit	Short Term	0.20	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	3.50	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	25.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.80	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
15 Apr 2020	Packing Credit	Short Term	3.50	ACUITE A2 (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Post Shipment Credit	Short Term	0.20	ACUITE A2 (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.80	ACUITE BBB+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	13.50	ACUITE BBB+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	7.00	ACUITE A2 (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	25.00	ACUITE A2 (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
05 Feb 2019	Post Shipment Credit	Short Term	0.20	ACUITE A1 (Reaffirmed)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	3.50	ACUITE A1 (Assigned)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	7.00	ACUITE A1 (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	13.50	ACUITE A Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	0.80	ACUITE A Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Packing Credit	Short Term	25.00	ACUITE A1 (Reaffirmed)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Complexity Level	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Canara Bank	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	0.80	ACUITE BB Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*
Canara Bank	Not Applicable	PC/PCFC	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	7.00	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*
Canara Bank	Not Applicable	PC/PCFC	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	25.00	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*
Canara Bank	Not Applicable	PC/PCFC	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	3.50	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*
Canara Bank	Not Applicable	Post Shipment Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	0.20	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*
Canara Bank	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	Simple	13.50	ACUITE BB Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*

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