



Press Release
A SHAMA RAO FOUNDATION
March 13, 2025
Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

| Product | Quantum (Rs. Cr) | Long Term Rating | Short Term Rating |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------------|
| Bank Loan Ratings | 43.00 | ACUITE BB- Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* | - |
| Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 43.00 | - | - |
| Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 0.00 | - | - |

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

Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE BB-** (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) from '**ACUITE BB**' (read as **ACUITE double B**) on the Rs. 43.00 crore bank facilities of A Shama Rao Foundation (ASRF) on account of information risk. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Established in 1988 as a trust, A Shama Rao Foundation is a part of Srinivas Group (SG) and CA.A.Raghavendra Rao is the founder. The trust manages 18 educational institutes and offers various programmes in Science, Engineering, Management, and in Health Sciences in three campuses in Mangalore with about 12,000 students, 76 courses, and 3000 staff members. SG was established in 1988 with the opening of its first college, Srinivas College of Hotel Management and has a presence in education since then. SG has its own private university, Srinivas University, approved by the government. The Colleges are located on three campuses. First campus is located in Pandeshwar (1.5 Acres of land with 8,500 Sq. Mts. of buildup area), the heart of downtown Mangalore, the business and financial centre of Western Karnataka. The other Campus is located at Valachil (35 Acres of land with 60,000 Sq. Mts. of buildup area), nearly 10 KM from Mangalore along Mangalore Bangalore Highway. The third campus is located at Mukka, Surathkal (40 Acres of land and about 140000 Sq.Mts. built-up area).

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 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 Acuite's policies.

Limitation regarding information availability

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 Sensitivity

"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 18 (Actual) | FY 17 (Actual) |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| Operating Income | Rs. Cr. | 93.70 | 100.43 |
| PAT | Rs. Cr. | 7.46 | 2.75 |
| PAT Margin | (%) | 7.96 | 2.74 |
| Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth | Times | 0.47 | 0.63 |
| PBDIT/Interest | Times | 4.37 | 3.46 |

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

Any other information

None

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

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Rating History

| Date | Name of Instruments/Facilities | Term | Amount (Rs. Cr) | Rating/Outlook |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| 14 Dec 2023 | Term Loan | Long Term | 41.50 | ACUITE BB (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
| | Proposed Term Loan | Long Term | 1.50 | ACUITE BB (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
| 04 Nov 2022 | Term Loan | Long Term | 41.50 | ACUITE BB (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
| | Proposed Term Loan | Long Term | 1.50 | ACUITE BB (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |

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Annexure - Details of instruments rated

| Lender's Name | ISIN | Facilities | Date Of Issuance | Coupon Rate | Maturity Date | Quantum (Rs. Cr.) | Complexity Level | Rating |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Not Applicable | Not avl. / Not appl. | Proposed Term Loan | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 1.50 | Simple | ACUITE BB- Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB) |
| Bank of Maharashtra | Not avl. / Not appl. | Term Loan | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 41.50 | Simple | ACUITE BB- Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB) |

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