

Press Release

SONA SYNTHETICS April 22, 2025

Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

| Product | Quantum (Rs. Cr) | Long Term Rating | Short Term Rating | | |
|---|------------------|---|----------------------|--|--|
| Bank Loan Ratings | 6.00 | ACUITE B- Downgraded Issuer not co- operating* | - | | |
| Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 6.00 | - | - | | |
| Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 0.00 | - | - | | |
| * The issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information. | | | | | |

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded the long-term rating to 'ACUITE B-' (read as ACUITE B minus) from 'ACUITE B' (read as ACUITE B)on the Rs. 6.00 crore bank facilities of Sona Synthetics 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 1999, the Mumbai based Sona Synthetics has Mr. Hiteshree Shailesh Shah, Dhruv Shailesh Shah and Jiten Nathalal Shah as partners. The partnership firm is engaged in the processing of yarn into synthetic fabric. Out of their entire produce, 75 per cent is sold as processed yarn and 25 per cent is made into cloth/fabric. Out of the fabric that is sold, 50 per cent is plain and 50 per cent is printed. Their suppliers include domestic traders and their customers include wholesalers which sell the fabric for manufacturing shirts. Their monthly capacity is around 100 metric tonnes per month of which they are currently utilising 50 percent.

Unsupported Rating

Not Applicable

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 is, therefore, being flagged as "Issuer not-cooperating", in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuité'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.

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."

Liquidity Position

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

Outlook

Not Applicable

Other Factors affecting Rating

None

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 | Torm | | Rating/Outlook | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|------|--|--|
| 23 Jan 2024 | Cash Credit | Long Term | 6.00 | ACUITE B (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*) | |
| 16 Nov 2022 | Cash Credit | Long Term | 6.00 | ACUITE B (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co- operating*) | |

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

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

| Lender's Name | ISIN | | Issuance | Rate | Date | (Rs. Cr.) | Complexity Level | Rating |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------|---|
| Punjab National Bank | Not avl. / Not appl. | Cash Credit | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 6.00 | Simple | ACUITE B- Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE B) |

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