



Press Release
Express Roadways Private Limited
December 27, 2024
Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	167.65	ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	167.65	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs.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 plus**) from ‘**ACUITE BBB+**’ (read as **ACUITE triple B plus**) on the Rs 167.65 Cr. bank facilities of Express Roadways Private Limited (ERPL).

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

About the Company

Incorporated in 1993, Express Roadways Private Limited (ERPL) is a Delhi based company and is engaged in transportation, warehousing and freight-forwarding business in FMCG, white goods, lubricants, tyres, oil & gas, chemical, pharmaceutical, and cement, textile & paper products companies. The company has a fleet of around 1200 owned trucks as on March 2022. The day to day operations are managed by its directors, Mr. Satish Kumar Gupta, Mr. Kamal Gupta and Mr. Mahendra Kumar Gupta. ERPL majorly operates on the north-west, north-south, west-south, south-west and west to east routes in particular, Delhi – NCR, Ambala – Panipat, Rudrapur – Haridwar, Amritsar – Ludhiana, Mumbai – Pune – Vapi – Baroda, Vizag, Bangalore, Karnataka, Chennai, Kolkata, Guwahati, etc.

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

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). Acuite endeavored to gather information about the entity / industry from the public domain. Therefore, Acuite 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 24 (Actual)	FY 23 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	888.93	779.06
PAT	Rs. Cr.	24.49	29.54
PAT Margin	(%)	2.75	3.79
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	1.13	1.10
PBDIT/Interest	Times	6.28	6.51

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>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Service Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.htm>

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Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
06 Oct 2023	Term Loan	Long Term	19.15	ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	50.00	ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	13.85	ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	12.15	ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Assigned)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	32.50	ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Assigned)
	Working Capital Demand Loan (WC DL)	Long Term	40.00	ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Assigned)
24 Nov 2022	Term Loan	Long Term	19.15	ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	55.00	ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	1.85	ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	7.00	ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
06 Sep 2021	Term Loan	Long Term	19.15	ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE BBB Stable)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	55.00	ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE BBB Stable)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	7.00	ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Assigned)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	1.85	ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Assigned)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Complexity Level	Rating
HDFC Bank Ltd	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	50.00	Simple	ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BBB+)
ICICI Bank Ltd	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	26.00	Simple	ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BBB+)
Yes Bank Ltd	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	32.50	Simple	ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BBB+)
Bank of Baroda	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	25 May 2019	Not avl. / Not appl.	25 Feb 2024	19.15	Simple	ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BBB+)
Kotak Mahindra Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Working Capital Demand Loan (WCDL)	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	40.00	Simple	ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BBB+)

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