

Press Release

Towels Enterprises Limited

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Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	3.50		ACUITE A4 Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Loan Ratings	5.00	ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	
Total	8.50	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE B+**' (**read as ACUITE single B plus**) from '**ACUITE BB-**' (**read as ACUITE double B minus**) and the short term rating to '**ACUITE A4**' (**read as ACUITE A four**) from '**ACUITE A4+**' (**read as ACUITE A four plus**) on the Rs. 8.50 crore bank facilities of Towels Enterprises Limited(TEL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

About the Company

Ludhiana based Towels Enterprises Limited (TEL) was incorporated on 7 May 2015 by Mr. Ajay Latawa and Mr. Sumit Gupta. It was originally started as a proprietorship. The company is engaged in the trading of terry towels, bedsheets coal, rice husk, chemicals such as acetic acid, toluene, sodium metal and sodium dichromate. TEL imports from USA and China and exports mainly to South Africa.

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 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 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.

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

The rated entity has not shared the latest financial statements despite repeated attempts.

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.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable.

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

- Trading Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-61.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
13 Oct 2020	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	3.50	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
08 Aug 2019	Letter of Credit	Short Term	3.50	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BB Stable (Assigned)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Bank of India	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	5.00	ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB-)
Bank of India	Not Applicable	Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3.50	ACUITE A4 Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE A4+)

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