

Press Release

Kasturi Aqua Life Products Private 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	65.00	ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	65.00	-	-

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 minus**) on the Rs. 65.00 crore bank facilities of Kasturi Aqua Life Products Private Limited (KAPL). The rating is now flagged as "Issuer Not Cooperating" and is based on best available information.

About the Company

Incorporated in 2003, Kasturi Aqua Life Products Private Limited (KAPL) trades in fish feeds and supplements, probiotics, and raw shrimps in West Bengal. The company is the sole distributor of CPF India Private Limited for feeds and supplements in Purba Medinipur (West Bengal). It has around 300 acres of water bodies in West Bengal. It also provides advisory, consultation, and supervision to the farmers for cultivation of shrimps. The day-to-day operations of the company is handled by the second generation director, Mr. Subhajit Mondal.

About the Group

Incorporated in 2007, Pasupati Aquatics Private Limited (PAPL) is a West Bengal based company engaged in export of processed shrimps. The company is promoted by Mr. Chintamani Mondol and is currently headed by the second generation director, Mr. Subhajit Mondol. In Oct, 2021, the company commenced its in-house shrimps processing unit with an installed capacity of 19,600 MTPA, which was previously processed and outsourced from 3 units, namely, Megaa Moda Pvt. Ltd. (rated at ACUITE BBB/Stable/A3+), Sahada Exports and MMC Exports Ltd. The processed shrimps are sold under the brand name i.e., Kasturi, Kasturi Gold, Kasturi Platinum.

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

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 endeavoured 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 ratings is based.

Rating Sensitivities

"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 21 (Actual)	FY 20 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	421.37	522.09
PAT	Rs. Cr.	6.00	6.83
PAT Margin	(%)	1.42	1.31
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	2.51	1.81
PBDIT/Interest	Times	2.14	2.26

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

Any other information

Not Applicable

Applicable Criteria

- Application Of Financial Ratios And Adjustments: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm>
- Consolidation Of Companies: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-60.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.htm>
- Trading Entitie: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-61.htm>

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Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
12 Jan 2022	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	15.50	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	39.50	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Reaffirmed)
20 Oct 2020	Cash Credit	Long Term	39.50	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	25.50	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Reaffirmed)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Complexity Level	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Mugberia Central Co-operative Bank Limited	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	39.50	ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*
Axis Bank	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	10.00	ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	15.50	ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*

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