



Press Release
Kasturi Aqua Life Products Private Limited
October 15, 2024
Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	65.00	ACUITE C Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	65.00	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-
* The issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information.			

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed the long-term rating of ‘**ACUITE C**’ (read as **ACUITE Co**) in the Rs 65.00 crore bank facilities of Kasturi Aqua Life Products Private Limited. The rating continues to be flagged as “Issuer Not Cooperating” and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Incorporated in 2005, 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 Mednipur (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

Pasupati Aquatics Private Limited (PAPL)

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.

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:

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.

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 23 (Actual)	FY 22 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	118.01	184.67
PAT	Rs. Cr.	1.57	2.59
PAT Margin	(%)	1.33	1.40
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	3.16	3.40
PBDIT/Interest	Times	1.75	2.03

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>
- Trading Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-61.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>
- Consolidation Of Companies: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-60.htm>

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument

In order to inform the investors about complexity of instruments, Acuité has categorized such instruments in three levels: Simple, Complex and Highly Complex. Acuité's categorisation of the instruments across the three categories is based on factors like variability of the returns to the investors, uncertainty in cash flow patterns, number of counterparties and general understanding of the instrument by the market. It has to be understood that complexity is different from credit risk and even an instrument categorized as 'Simple' can carry high levels of risk. For more details, please refer Rating Criteria "Complexity Level Of Financial Instruments" on www.acuite.in.

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
18 Jul 2023	Cash Credit	Long Term	39.50	ACUITE C (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB+)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	15.50	ACUITE C (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB+)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE C (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB+)
06 Apr 2023	Cash Credit	Long Term	39.50	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BBB- Stable)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	15.50	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BBB- Stable)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BBB- Stable)
12 Jan 2022	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	15.50	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	39.50	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Reaffirmed)

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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
Mugberia Central Co-operative Bank Limited	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	39.50	Simple	ACUITE C Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Axis Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	10.00	Simple	ACUITE C Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	15.50	Simple	ACUITE C Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*

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