

Press Release

Kaveri Engineering Projects Private Limited

May 04, 2023



Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	5.50	ACUITE BB- Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	54.50	-	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	60.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE BB-**' (read as **ACUITE Double B Minus**) and the short term rating of '**ACUITE A4+**' (read as **ACUITE A four plus**)' on the Rs. 60.00 crore bank facilities of Kaveri Engineering Projects Private Limited (KEPPL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on best available information.

About the Company

Kaveri Engineering Projects Private Limited (KEPL) is a Telangana based company incorporated in 2015. It is engaged in civil, infrastructure construction works and primarily undertakes irrigation projects such as Canal works, earthwork execution, lining works and feeder channel works, among others. The company was promoted by Mr. Suman Rao Gujja. Prior to this, he was executing works under a proprietorship concern, 'Suman Rao' established in the year 2011. After incorporation of KEPL, all the new orders are taken up under KEPL and orders under the proprietary firm have reduced in a phased manner. Till FY2017, all the orders received by the company are on sub-contract. From FY2019, KEPL started bidding on its own and through joint ventures.

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). 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 ratings are based.

Rating Sensitivity

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

Material Covenants

Not Applicable

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 22 (Actual)	FY 21 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	164.06	141.99
PAT	Rs. Cr.	9.57	6.71
PAT Margin	(%)	5.84	4.72
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	0.97	0.37
PBDIT/Interest	Times	5.00	4.46

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

None

Any other information

Acuite is yet to receive the latest No Default Statement (NDS) from the rated entity, despite repeated requests and follow-ups.

Applicable Criteria

- Infrastructure Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-51.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

In order to inform the investors about complexity of instruments, Acuité has categorized such instruments in three levels: Simple, Complex and Highly Complex. Acuite' 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
04 Feb 2022	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	5.50	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	2.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	22.50	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Proposed Bank Guarantee	Short Term	30.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
06 Nov 2020	Proposed Bank Guarantee	Short Term	30.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	5.50	ACUITE BB (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	2.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	22.50	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Complexity Level	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Union Bank of India	Not Applicable	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	22.50	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Union Bank of India	Not Applicable	Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	2.00	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Proposed Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	30.00	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Union Bank of India	Not Applicable	Secured Overdraft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	5.50	ACUITE BB- Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*

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