



Press Release

Megha Fruit Processing Private Limited

August 28, 2024

Rating Downgraded, Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	123.81	ACUITE BB Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	7.00	-	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	130.81	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE BB**' (read as **ACUITE double B**) from '**ACUITE BB+**' (read as **ACUITE double B plus**) and reaffirmed the short-term rating of '**ACUITE A4+**' (read as **ACUITE A four plus**) on the Rs.130.81 crore bank facilities of Megha Fruit Processing Private Limited (MFPL) on account of information risk. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Megha Fruit Processing Private Limited (MFPL) is a flagship entity of Shankar group (the Group which includes Megha Bottling and Mahima Traders along with MFPL), which is a Karnataka based company incorporated in the year 2003, promoted by Mr. Krishna Sathyashankar. It is engaged in manufacturing of carbonated and pulp mixed soft drinks, fruit drinks, packaged drinking water, potato chips and other namkeen packaged food products.

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.	335.27	285.17
PAT	Rs. Cr.	12.81	4.55
PAT Margin	(%)	3.82	1.60
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	1.04	0.60
PBDIT/Interest	Times	5.95	5.87

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. 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
31 May 2023	Letter of Credit	Short Term	7.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	60.00	ACUITE BB+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	9.73	ACUITE BB+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	54.08	ACUITE BB+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
08 Mar 2022	Letter of Credit	Short Term	7.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE A3+)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	60.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BBB Stable)
	Term Loan	Long Term	9.73	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BBB Stable)
	Term Loan	Long Term	54.08	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BBB Stable)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Complexity Level	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
State Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	60.00	ACUITE BB Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB+)
State Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	Letter of Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	7.00	ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*
State Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	30 Nov 2024	Simple	9.73	ACUITE BB Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB+)
Canara Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	31 Dec 2027	Simple	54.08	ACUITE BB Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB+)

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