



Press Release
Mkm Diamonds Private Limited
September 12, 2023
Rating Assigned and Downgraded

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	3.00	ACUITE B- Stable Assigned	-
Bank Loan Ratings	22.00	ACUITE B- Stable Downgraded	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	25.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded its long-term rating to '**ACUITE B-**' (read as **ACUITE B minus**) from '**ACUITE BBB-**' (read as **ACUITE triple B minus**) on the Rs.22.00 Cr bank facilities of MKM Diamonds Private Limited (MDPL). The outlook is '**Stable**'.

Further Acuite has assigned its long-term rating of '**ACUITE B-**' (read as **ACUITE B minus**) on the Rs.3.00 Cr bank facilities of MKM Diamonds Private Limited (MDPL). The outlook is '**Stable**'.

Reason for downgrade

The rating downgrade is on account of initiation of corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) against MKM Diamonds Private Limited vide NCLT order dated September 01, 2023. Due to non-payment of long pending outstanding dues of the company towards operational creditor State Bank of India against a transaction conducted in October, 2016, the said order was passed.

SBI, Antwerp had sanctioned bill discounting facilities to Eurostar Diamond Traders NV, Antwerp, a sister concern of MKM Diamonds Private Limited. During the course of the business, said Eurostar Diamond Traders NV had drawn two invoices dated 03.10.2016 and 05.10.2016 respectively on erstwhile Eurostar Diamonds India Private Limited now known as MKM Diamonds Private Limited. MKM Diamonds Private Limited had confirmed their obligation and liability to pay to SBI by endorsing the instruments and made part payments on 26.09.2017. However, subsequently the company failed to make further payments, as it stated that the remaining amount had been set off with Eurostar Diamond Traders NV, Antwerp.

Moreover, the details of the above ongoing dispute have not been disclosed by the management in the annual reports of the company nor any information about it was provided during the last review.

Acuite believes that the company lapsed on critical disclosures to the stakeholders and the aforesaid order will have a significant impact on the credit profile of the company.

About the Company

MKM Diamonds Private Limited (MDPL) (Formally known as Eurostar Diamonds India Private Limited) is based of Mumbai and was incorporated in 2009. MDPL is a wholly owned subsidiary

of Paresh K. Mehta Investment Private Limited. The company is engaged in manufacturing and trading of cut and polished diamonds. MDPL is specialised in providing precisely calibrated diamonds to prestigious watch and jewellery brands. The key promoter, Mr. Paresh

K. Mehta and Mr. Paras P. Mehta has been associated with the gems and jewellery industry for more than four decades.

Analytical Approach

Acuité has taken a standalone view of the business and financial risk profile of MDPL to arrive at the rating.

Key Rating Drivers

Strengths

Experienced management and established track record of operations

MDPL was incorporated in 2009, has established track record of over a decade of operations in the industry. The key promoter, Mr. Paresh Kirtilal Mehta, has been associated with the gems and jewellery industry for more than four decades and is ably assisted by an experienced second line of management. Before promoting MDPL, the promoter had an experience of nearly three decades in the aforementioned industry through 'Kirtilal Kalidas Jewellers Private Limited'. Currently, the day-to-day operations of the company are managed by Mr. Paras Mehta, who has experience of more than a decade in this industry. Acuité believes that the company will continue to benefit from its established presence in the diamond industry and the promoter's demonstrated ability to scale up the operations across various cycles.

Improvement in working capital operations

The company's operations have improved as evident from the GCA days of 110 days as on March 31, 2023 (Prov) as against GCA days of 203 days as on March 31, 2022. The inventory days stood at 75 days for FY23(Prov) as against 138 days for FY22. Average inventory holding period is around 30-60 days. The company is focusing on the efficient inventory management. The debtors' days stood at 27 days for FY23(Prov) as against 62 days for FY22. The average credit period allowed to the customers is around 60 days. Majorly advance payments are received from the customers. The creditors days stood at 39 days for FY23(Prov) against 85 days for FY22. The average credit period received from the supplier is around 60 days. The average utilization of the bank limits is low at around 21 percent for six months ending June '2023. Acuité believes that the ability of the company to maintain efficient working capital operations will remain key sensitivity in medium term.

Moderate financial risk profile

The company has a moderate financial risk profile marked by moderate net worth, low gearing and healthy debt protection metrics. The tangible net worth of the company stood at Rs.121.40 crore as on March 31, 2023 (Prov), as against Rs.116.61 crore as on March 31, 2022. The increase in the net worth is due to accretion of profits to reserves. The gearing of the company stood at 0.15 times as on March 31, 2023(Prov), as against 0.12 times as on March 31, 2022. The total debt of the company consists of long-term debt of Rs.3.24 crore and short-term debt of Rs.13.08 crore as on March 31, 2023. The long-term debt consists of the GECL loan. The interest coverage ratio stood at 5.43 times as on March 31, 2023, as against 7.20 times as on March 31, 2022. The DSCR stood at 2.56 times as on March 31, 2023, as against 4.36 times as on March 31, 2022. Acuité believes that the financial risk profile of the firm is expected to remain moderate in the medium term in the absence of any major debt funded capex in near to medium term.

Weaknesses

Non-payment of dues

The company has failed to make the payment of ~Rs.16.77 crore to the operational creditor i.e., State Bank of India, Antwerp reflecting stretched liquidity position.

Thin profitability margins albeit improvement in scale of operations

The revenue of the company stood at Rs.573.54 crore in FY2023 (Prov) as against the revenue of Rs.329.78 crore in FY2022. The increase in the revenues is due to the increase in the demand for the diamonds amidst the festive seasons. The operating margins have declined and stood at 1.37 percent in FY2023(Prov) as against 2.48 percent in FY2022. The decline in the margins is on account of increase in the employee costs as well as increase in the raw materials costs. The PAT margin declined and stood at 0.59 percent in FY2023(Prov) as against 0.67 percent in FY2022. Acuité believes that the ability of the company to improve the profitability margins in medium term will be a key rating sensitivity.

Customer concentration risk

The company is exposed to customer concentration risk as ~50-60 percent of its total sales are derived from a single customer - Kirtilal Kalidas Jewellers Private Limited. However, the company is planning to increase the customer base in medium term.

Intense competition from players in the industry

The gems & jewellery (G&J) industry is characterised by a large number of organised and unorganised players and intense competition resulting in pressure on margins. The demand for cut and polished diamonds (CPD) is directly linked to discretionary spending by the clients. Significant continued slowness in CPD market generally results in piling up of inventory or delays in realization of receivables due to challenges faced by the end customers. The CPD segment has witnessed intense competition with presence of large and small players. Acuité believes that the ability to manage steady revenue growth, while maintaining profitability and efficiently managing working capital cycle will be the key rating sensitivity factors.

Rating Sensitivities

Any adverse impact emerging from the NCLT order.

Growth in revenue with improvement in the profitability margins.

Any deterioration of its financial risk profile and liquidity position.

Any elongation of the working capital cycle leading to deterioration in debt protection metrics.

All Covenants

Not Applicable

Liquidity position:poor

The company has a poor liquidity position as reflected by the non-payment of dues to operational creditor - SBI. The company generated cash accruals of Rs.6.16 crore in FY23(Prov) as against maturing debt obligations of Rs. 1.49 crore over the same period. The company is estimated to generate cash accruals of Rs.6.35-6.48 crore over the period 2024-2025 against maturing debt obligations of Rs.0.42-1.93 crore over the same period. The company maintains unencumbered cash and bank balance of Rs.6.87 crore as on March 31, 2023(Prov). The current ratio stood at 2.30 times as on March 31, 2023(Prov).

Outlook: Stable

Acuité believes that MDPL will maintain a 'Stable' outlook over the medium term owing to its experienced management and long track record of operations. The outlook may be revised to 'Positive' in case of any critical favourable update in the litigation process initiated by the company against the said order. Timely repayment of its outstanding dues. Conversely, the outlook may be revised to 'Negative' in case of any critical unfavourable update in the litigation process initiated by the company against the said order materially impacting the operations of the company.

Other Factors affecting Rating

None

Key Financials

Particulars	Unit	FY 23 (Provisional)	FY 22 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	573.54	329.78
PAT	Rs. Cr.	3.36	2.21
PAT Margin	(%)	0.59	0.67
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	0.15	0.12
PBDIT/Interest	Times	5.43	7.20

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA (if applicable)

Care vide its press release dated 6th July 2023, had downgraded the company to CARE B+/Stable/A4; Issuer Not Cooperating (INC).

Brickworks vide its press release dated 16th June 2023, had downgraded and reaffirmed the company to BWR B/Negative/A4; Issuer Not Cooperating (INC).

Any other information

The NCLT order passed on 01.09.2023 regarding the non-payment of the dues to State Bank Of India, Antwerp were not disclosed in the audited financials of the company.

Applicable Criteria

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

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Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
07 Aug 2023	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	12.00	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Bills Discounting	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Reaffirmed)
10 May 2022	Bills Discounting	Long Term	22.00	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Reaffirmed)
17 Feb 2021	Packing Credit	Long Term	25.00	ACUITE BBB- (Withdrawn)
	Bills Discounting	Long Term	22.00	ACUITE BBB- Negative (Reaffirmed)
	Packing Credit	Long Term	40.00	ACUITE BBB- (Withdrawn)
	Packing Credit	Long Term	15.00	ACUITE BBB- (Withdrawn)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Complexity Level	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Central Bank of India	Not Applicable	Bills Discounting	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	10.00	ACUITE B- Stable Downgraded
Punjab National Bank	Not Applicable	Secured Overdraft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	12.00	ACUITE B- Stable Downgraded
Punjab National Bank	Not Applicable	Secured Overdraft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Simple	3.00	ACUITE B- Stable Assigned

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