

Press Release

Axita Cotton Limited

November 17, 2021

Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Net Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	17.00	ACUITE BB Downgraded Issuer not co- operating*	-
Total	17.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded the long-term rating to 'ACUITE BB' (read as ACUITE double B) from 'ACUITE BB+' (read as ACUITE double B plus) on the Rs.17.00 Cr. bank facilities of Axita Cotton Limited (ACL). The rating is being flagged as an 'Issuer Not-Cooperating' based on the best available information.

About the Entity

Gujarat-based, Axita Cotton Limited (ACL) was incorporated in 2013 as a private limited company and got listed in January 2019. The company is listed on Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). Mr. Nitinbhai Govindbhai Patel, Mr. Amitkumar Govindbhai Patel, Mr. Kushalbhai Nitinbhai Patel are the current directors of the company. ACL is engaged in the ginning and spinning of organic cotton seeds and cotton bales. The manufacturing capacity of the plant is 300 MT per month. Further, ACL has tie-ups with various renowned labels such as Primark, Trident, Welspun, Vardhman to name a few.

About the Group

Gujarat-based, Axita Group (AG) comprises Axita Cotton Limited (ACL), Axita Exports Private Limited (AEPL) and Aditya Oil Industries (AOI). The group is engaged in the ginning and pressing of cotton and has over 48 double roller ginning machines. The total manufacturing capacity of cotton seeds and cotton bales is 400MT per month. The promoters of the group are Mr. Nitinbhai Govindbhai Patel (Chairman and Managing Director), Mr. Amitkumar Govindbhai Patel (Whole time Director) and Mr. Kushalbhai Nitinbhai Patel (Director).

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 noncooperation by the issuer along with an unwillingness to provide information could be a sign of potential deterioration in its overall credit quality.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments <u>https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm</u>
- Manufacturing Sector Entities https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.htm

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). Acuit é has 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.

Liquidity Position

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

Outlook Not Applicable

Rating Sensitivities

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

Material Covenants

None

Key Financial

The rated entity has not shared the latest financial statements despite repeated requests.

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

Not Applicable

Any other information

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

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
13 Dec 2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	15	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	2	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
03 Dec 2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	15	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	2	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
13 Nov - 2019	Proposed Bank Facility	Short Term	2	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	15	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Assigned)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	Facilities	Date Of I ssuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size Of I ssue	Rating
Punjab National Bank	Cash Credit	Not Applicable		Not Applicable	15.00	ACUITE BB Not Applicable Downgraded Indicative
Proposed Bank Facility	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Not Applicable		Not Applicable	2.00	ACUITE BB Not Applicable Downgraded Indicative

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