

Press Release

Haldia Steels Private Limited

June 28, 2021

Rating Update



Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs.75.00 Cr.
Long Term Rating	ACUITE D (Downgraded and Indicative)
Short Term Rating	ACUITE D (Downgraded and Indicative)

* Refer Annexure for details

Rating Rationale

ACUITE has downgraded long term rating of '**ACUITE D**' (read as **ACUITE D**) and short term rating of '**ACUITE D**' (read as **ACUITE D**) on the Rs 75.00 crore bank facilities of Haldia Steels Private Limited (HSPL). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

The downgrade is on account of delay in the servicing of term debt for the month of May 2021 due to liquidity mismatch. The liquidity mismatch is primarily due to delay in collection from the debtors.

About the rated entity

Incorporated in 1996, Haldia Steels Private Limited is a Kolkata based company having its manufacturing unit in Durgapur, West Bengal. The company is engaged in manufacturing of ferroalloys, sponge iron and billets with the installed capacity of 120,000 MTPA for Sponge Iron, Steel Billets for 60,000 MTPA and Ferro alloys for 12,000 MTPA. Currently, the company is managed by Mr. Vikas Bansal, Mr. Satpal Bansal and Mr. Markanda Samanta. The company procures manganese ore, iron ore pellets, dolomite and coal locally and sells steel billets and ferro alloys to its customers based in Kolkata.

About the group Company

Incorporated in 1994, Brand Alloys Private Limited (BAPL) is a Kolkata based company having its manufacturing unit in Serampore, West Bengal. The company is engaged in manufacturing of TMT rebars, railway components and bogies. Further, BAPL is into an agreement with Tata Steels Limited for conversion of billets into TMT Rebar from last 10 years. Currently, the company is being managed by Mr. Vikas Bansal, Mr. Satpal Bansal and Mr. Markanda Samanta. The raw materials, diesel, coal and railway components are procured locally from companies based out of Kolkata. The company also caters to the local customers in Kolkata. Presently, the installed capacity for TMT rebars is 60,000 MTPA and for railways components, installed capacity stood at 10,000 MTPA.

Analytical Approach

The team has taken a consolidated view on financials of the Haldia Steels Private Limited and Brand Alloys Private Limited, while arriving at the rating. This is because both the entities are in the same line of business, common management and financial linkages in terms of corporate guarantee (Haldia Steels Private Limited has given to Brand Alloys Private Limited). The group is herein referred to as Haldia Steels Group. Extent of consolidation: Full.

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 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.

List of key rating drivers and their detailed description

Weaknesses

Delay in debt servicing

There has been delay in the servicing of term debt for the month of May'21 due to liquidity mismatch. The liquidity mismatch is primarily due to delay in collection from the debtors.

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 rating is based.

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

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

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

Not Applicable

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

- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.htm>
- 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

<https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-55.htm>

Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
09-Mar-2021	Cash Credit	Long Term	35.00	ACUITE BB- (Downgrade from ACUITE BB/Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long Term	8.55	ACUITE BB- (Downgrade from ACUITE BB/Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
	Proposed bank facility	Long Term	1.45	ACUITE BB- (Downgrade from ACUITE BB/Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
	Letter of credit	Short Term	30.00	ACUITE A4+ Issuer not co-operating
23-Dec-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	35.00	ACUITE BB/Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	8.55	ACUITE BB/Stable (Assigned)
	Proposed bank	Long Term	1.45	ACUITE BB/Stable

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
	facility			(Assigned)
	Letter of credit	Short Term	30.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)
6-Dec-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	10.00	ACUITE BB/Stable (Assigned)

**The issuer did not co-operate; Based on best available information.*

*Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	35.00	ACUITE D (Downgraded and Indicative)
Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	8.55	ACUITE D (Downgraded and Indicative)
Proposed Bank Facility	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.45	ACUITE D (Downgraded and Indicative)
Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	30.00	ACUITE D (Downgraded and Indicative)

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