

Press Release
SKH Metals Limited

December 28, 2021



Rating Reaffirmed & Withdrawn

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	16.00		ACUITE A3+ Reaffirmed & Withdrawn
Bank Loan Ratings	334.00	ACUITE BBB- Reaffirmed & Withdrawn	
Total	350.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuité has reaffirmed and withdrawn the long term rating of '**ACUITE BBB-**' (read as **ACUITE triple B minus**) and short term rating of '**ACUITE A3+**' (read as **ACUITE A three plus**) on the Rs. 350.00 crore bank facilities of SKH Metals Limited (SML). The rating is being withdrawn on account of request received from the company and NOC received from the banker as per Acuite's policy.

About the Company

SML was incorporated in 1986, as Mark Auto India Limited. It became a part of the SKH Group (SKHG), when Krishna Maruti Group acquired and renamed it as SKH Metals Limited. SML is a JV between SKHG and Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL). SML currently has three dedicated facilities for MSIL, one facility each in the MSIL Supplier Parks in Gurugram and Manesar and one new facility in IMT Manesar. It supplies various sheet metal components to MSIL and derives around 80 percent of its revenue from MSIL. Its product profile includes the fuel tank, frame suspension, body in white, moulds and other tools.

About the Group

Krishna Maruti Group (KMG), operates in the Indian automotive component industry and has been in operations since 1994. It was founded by Mr. Ashok Kapur. KMG manufactures and supplies various automotive components to Indian and global OEMs. SKHG consists of the metal forming companies in the larger KMG. SML - the flagship company, is a joint venture between MSIL and SKHG. It supplies a variety of sheet metal components to MSIL for all models. SSMC primarily acts as a holding company for the SKHG and also has a sheet metal component manufacturing business. Its products include BIW, seat structures, fuel tanks, mufflers and other components. It primarily supplies to MSIL and also to other OEMs such as Volkswagen, Renault and Nissan amongst others. SYPL is a JV between SSMC and YTec, Japan. The company is engaged in manufacturing of high tensile sheet metal components for Suzuki Motors Gujarat Private Limited (SMG) with a manufacturing facility in SMG's plant in Gujarat. SSICMPL is a JV between SSMC and SIAC (Italy). The company is engaged in manufacturing of driver cabins for heavy machinery manufacturers like JCB and Caterpillar. ~85 percent revenue is derived from JCB. SKHMM is a JV between SML and Magneti Marelli (Italy). The company is engaged in manufacturing of exhaust systems for MSIL. Its ~85 percent revenue comes from MSIL. MMSKH is a JV between SSMC and Magneti Marelli (Italy). The company is engaged in manufacturing of exhaust systems for automobile manufacturers like Piaggio, Renault, Nissan, Daimler, Eicher, Polaris and Tata Motors. JHE is a small trading firm.

Analytical Approach

Acuité has consolidated the business and financial risk profiles of SKH Metals Limited (SML), SKH Sheet Metals Components Private Limited (SSMC), SKH Y-Tec India Private Limited (SYPL), SIAC SKH India Cab Manufacturing Private Limited (SSICMPL), SKH Magneti Marelli Exhaust Systems Private Limited (SKHMM), Magneti Marelli SKH Exhaust Systems Private Limited (MMSKH) and Jai Hanuman Enterprises (JHE) together referred to as the 'SKH Group' (SKHG). The consolidation is in view of the common management, strong operational & financial linkages between the entities. Extent of Consolidation: Full.

Key Rating Drivers

Strengths

> Extensive experience of promoters in the industry, established track record of operations and presence in the industry

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> Moderate Financial Risk Profile

SKHG's financial risk profile has remained moderate marked by tangible net worth of Rs. 526.77 crore as on 31 March 2021 against Rs. 488.35 crore as on 31 March 2019. The total debt stood at Rs. 878.69 crores as on 31 March, 2021 as against Rs. 837.62 crore as on March 31, 2020. This includes Rs. 294.56 crores working capital loans, Rs. 425.24 crores of term loans, Unsecured loans from directors of Rs. 35.09 Cr and current portion of long term debt of Rs. 123.80 Cr. The gearing stood high at 1.67 times as on March 31, 2021 against 1.72 times as on March 31, 2020. This is on account of the capital intensive nature of industry. However, interest coverage ratio (ICR) stood comfortable at 3.27 times in FY2021 as against 3.37 times in FY2019. The ICR has deteriorated on account of decrease in profitability in FY2021. The TOL/TNW stood at 2.79 times as on March 31, 2021 as against 2.75 times as on March 31, 2020.

Weaknesses

>Strong dependence and linkages with financial and operational risk profile of MSIL

MSIL is a leading player in the automotive segment in India with market share of ~50 percent. Its revenues and EBITDA stood at Rs. 73,477.30 crore and Rs. 8,456.90 crore respectively in FY2021. The revenues and operating profit have declined 7.12 percent and 21.44 percent respectively as compared to FY2020. SKH Group is primarily engaged in supplying sheet metal components for various models of MSIL. Around 70 percent of the group's revenue comes from MSIL. Therefore, the financial and operating risk profile of MSIL can have a significant impact on SKH Group and will be a key monitoring factor.

>Cyclical and competition associated with automotive component industry

The auto component industry is highly competitive due to competition from organized and unorganized players. It is also highly cyclical in nature with growth linked to overall growth in the economy and consumption. Acuité expects SKHG's revenues to be exposed and tied to cyclical demand prospects of the automobile industry mainly four-wheeler and the presence of other players which lead to increased competition.

ESG Factors Relevant for Rating

For Other automobile ancillary industry environmental factors are highly material as the industry is marked with high energy intensity and correspondingly high GHG emissions. Development of green products which are fuel efficient through innovation is also crucial for ascertaining environmental performance. Since the industry is also resource intensive, efficient use of water and materials is also a significant key issue. Further, for any automobile ancillary it is important that the companies regard business values highly and have a strong regard for fundamental business ethics. As for social factors, safety of employees as well as customers is integral to the automobile industry. Some of the key material issues include labor practices revolving around employee health & safety and employment quality.

Rating Sensitivities

Not Applicable

Material covenants

None

Liquidity Position: Adequate

SKHG generated net cash accruals of Rs. 128.04 crore for period FY2021 as against repayment obligations of Rs. 123.80 for the same period. The company's operations are moderately working capital intensive marked by GCA of 150 days in FY2021 and 122 days in FY2020. This makes the company dependent on bank borrowing to fund its working capital requirement. The average bank limit utilization stood at ~91 percent for the six month period ended October 2021. The group has maintained cash & bank balance of Rs. 25.82 crore in FY2021. SKHG's liquidity profile is expected to remain adequate over the medium term on account of its adequate cash accruals against repayment obligations and adequate cash and bank balance.

Outlook: Stable

Not Applicable

Key Financials

Particulars	Unit	FY 21 (Actual)	FY 20 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	2378.62	2364.40
PAT	Rs. Cr.	36.10	35.35
PAT Margin	(%)	1.52	1.50
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	1.67	1.72
PBDIT/Interest	Times	3.27	3.37

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

None

Any other information

None

Applicable Criteria

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

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

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
30 Sep 2020	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	6.00	ACUITE A3+ (Assigned)
	Working Capital Demand Loan	Long Term	25.00	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	15.00	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	27.66	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)
	Working Capital Demand Loan	Long Term	37.50	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	10.00	ACUITE A3+ (Assigned)
	Proposed Bank Facility	Long Term	80.00	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	50.40	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)
	Working Capital Term Loan	Long Term	20.94	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	22.50	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)
	Working Capital Demand Loan	Long Term	55.00	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Yes Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	6.00	ACUITE A3+ Reaffirmed & Withdrawn
HDFC Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	10.00	ACUITE A3+ Reaffirmed & Withdrawn
HDFC Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	15.00	ACUITE BBB- Reaffirmed & Withdrawn
HDFC Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	22.50	ACUITE BBB- Reaffirmed & Withdrawn
Kotak Mahindra Bank	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	80.00	ACUITE BBB- Reaffirmed & Withdrawn
Kotak Mahindra Bank	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	50.40	ACUITE BBB- Reaffirmed & Withdrawn
Bajaj Finance Ltd.	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	27.66	ACUITE BBB- Reaffirmed & Withdrawn
Yes Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Working Capital Demand Loan (WCDL)	Not available	Not available	Not available	55.00	ACUITE BBB- Reaffirmed & Withdrawn
Mizuho Corporate Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Working Capital Demand Loan (WCDL)	Not available	Not available	Not available	37.50	ACUITE BBB- Reaffirmed & Withdrawn
Bajaj Finance Ltd.	Not Applicable	Working Capital Demand Loan (WCDL)	Not available	Not available	Not available	25.00	ACUITE BBB- Reaffirmed & Withdrawn
Kotak	Not	Working Capital	Not	Not	Not		ACUITE BBB-

Mahindra Bank	Applicable	Term Loan	available	available	available	20.94	Reaffirmed & Withdrawn
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