



Press Release
SFS GLOBAL LIMITED
October 07, 2024
Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	23.00	ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	23.00	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-
* The issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information.			

Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded its long-term rating to 'ACUITE B+' (read as ACUITE B Plus) from 'ACUITE BB-' (read as ACUITE Double B Minus) on the Rs.23.00 crore bank facilities of SFS Global Limited (SGL). The rating is now flagged as “Issuer Not-Cooperating” on account of information risk and is based on the best available information. The rating has been downgraded on account of information risk and the company has not provided latest NDS for last 3 months consecutively.

About the Company

SGL incorporated in the year 1995 by Mr. J. K. Saboo & Mr. Ram Prakash Saboo, is a Delhi based company engaged in blending and packaging of tea. In 2012, the company entered into a long-term contract of 10 years (renewable for another two terms of 10 years or part at the option of lessor/lessee) with TATA Consumer Products Ltd (TCPL) to provide its facility on lease. As per the contract, SGL would also provide various auxiliary services like receiving the raw material (Raw Tea) at its warehouse, blending of various varieties of tea, packaging, storing, management and releasing the same as when demanded by TCPL.

Unsupported Rating

Not Applicable

Non-cooperation by the issuer/borrower

Acuite has been requesting for No Default Statements (NDS); however, despite multiple requests; the Company's management has remained non-cooperative and not submitted the NDS for the preceding 03 consecutive months. Acuite believes that information risk is a critical component in such ratings, and noncooperation 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.

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 Sensitivities

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.	13.63	25.85
PAT	Rs. Cr.	2.72	2.78
PAT Margin	(%)	19.94	10.77
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	1.72	1.56
PBDIT/Interest	Times	2.94	2.83

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

Any other information

None

Applicable Criteria

- Application Of Financial Ratios And Adjustments: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Service Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.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. Acuité'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
08 Sep 2023	Term Loan	Long Term	23.00	ACUITE BB- Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE B-)
27 Sep 2022	Term Loan	Long Term	19.20	ACUITE B- (Upgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BBB- Stable)
	Term Loan	Long Term	3.09	ACUITE B- (Upgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BBB- Stable)
	Proposed Long Term Loan	Long Term	0.71	ACUITE B- (Upgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BBB- Stable)
16 Jul 2021	Proposed Long Term Loan	Long Term	0.71	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	3.09	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	19.20	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Complexity Level	Rating
Axis Bank	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	23.00	Simple	ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB-)

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