

Press Release

Capricorn Blenders Private Limited (Erstwhile Rhizome Distilleries PrivLimited)



May 31, 2024

Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operation

| Product Quantu m (Rs. Cr) | | | Short Term Rating | | |
|---------------------------|-------|---|---|--|--|
| Bank Loan Ratings | 9.50 | ACUITE BB Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating* | - | | |
| Bank Loan Ratings | 10.50 | - | ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating* | | |
| Total Outstanding | 20.00 | - | - | | |

Rating Rationale

Acuité has reaffirmed its long-term rating of 'ACUITE BB' (read as ACUITE double B) and short-term rating of 'ACUITE A4+' (read as ACUITE A four plus) on the Rs.20.00 Cr. bank facilities of Capricorn Blenders Private Limited (Erstwhile Rhizome Distilleries Private Limited) (CBPL).

This rating is now flagged as issuer not cooperating on account of information risk and is based on best available information.

About the Company

Hyderabad-based, Capricorn Blenders Private Limited (Erstwhile Rhizome Distilleries Private Limited) (CBPL) was incorporated 1993 by Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Mr. Manoj Rupani and his family. Capricorn was taken over by Mr. Nishanth Bezawada and his family member in 2014-15. During January 2021, the name of Rhizome Distilleries Private Limited was changed to Capricorn Blenders Private Limited (CBPL). The Company is engaged in manufacturing and retailing of the country-made and Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) and also does the job work. CBPL as on date has 2 manufacturing units i.e IMFL plant at Medchal, Telangana with a licensed capacity of 24 lakh cases Per Month and IMFL plant at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh with 13 lakh cases production capacity.

Unsupported Rating

Not Applicable

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 non-cooperation by the issuer along with an 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 Acuité'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 has endeavoured 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 | | FY 23 (Actual) | FY 22 (Actual) |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| Operating Income | Rs. Cr. | 50.20 | 114.93 |
| PAT | Rs. Cr. | 1.34 | 0.84 |
| PAT Margin | (%) | 2.67 | 0.73 |
| Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth | Times | 1.47 | 2.56 |
| PBDIT/Interest | Times | 1.54 | 1.48 |

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
- Manufacturing Entities: https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.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. Acuite'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 |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--|
| 13 Mar 2023 | Bank Guarantee (BLR) | Short Term | 0.50 | ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed) |
| | Bills Discounting | Short Term | 10.00 | ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed) |
| | Cash Credit | Long Term | 9.50 | ACUITE BB Stable (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) |
| 18 Oct 2022 | Bank Guarantee (BLR) | Short Term | 0.50 | ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
| | Bills Discounting | Short Term | 10.00 | ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
| | Cash Credit | Long Term | 9.50 | ACUITE BB+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
| 23 Jul 2021 | Bank Guarantee (BLR) | Short Term | 0.50 | ACUITE A4+ (Assigned) |
| | Bills Discounting | Short Term | 10.00 | ACUITE A4+ (Assigned) |
| | Cash Credit | Long Term | 9.50 | ACUITE BB+ Stable (Assigned) |

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

| Lender's Name | ISIN | Facilities | Date Of Issuance | Coupon Rate | Maturity Date | Complexity Level | Quantum (Rs. Cr.) | Rating |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---|
| Karur Vysya Bank | Not avl. / Not appl. | Bank Guarantee (BLR) | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Simple | 0.50 | ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating* |
| Karur Vysya Bank | Not avl. / Not appl. | Bills Discounting | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Simple | 10.00 | ACUITE A4+ Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating* |
| Karur Vysya Bank | Not avl. / Not appl. | Cash | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Simple | 9.50 | ACUITE BB Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating* |

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