

Press Release

Nucleus Energy Private Limited

April 19, 2021

Rating Downgraded and Withdrawn



Total Bank Facilities Rated#	Rs.21.34 Cr.
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+/Stable and Withdrawn) Issuer not co-operating*

Refer Annexure for details

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

Erratum: In the original PR, the date mentioned was incorrect which has now been revised in this version from February 19, 2021 to April 19, 2021.

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded and withdrawn the long-term rating to '**ACUITE BB**' (read as **ACUITE double B**) from '**ACUITE BB+**' (read as **ACUITE double B plus**) on the Rs.21.34 crore bank facilities of Nucleus Energy Private Limited (NEPL). The rating downgrade is on account of information risk. This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on the best available information. The rating withdrawal is in accordance with Acuité's policy on withdrawal of rating.

The rating is being withdrawn on account of request received from the company and NOC received from the banker.

Nucleus Energy Private Limited (NEPL), incorporated in 2010 and promoted by the Taparia Family. The Taparia Family Group holds entire stake in NEPL through an intermediate company, Summervilla Trading & Agencies Private Limited. The company is managed by directors, Mr. Kamal Daga and Mr. Rajesh Malpani. The company is engaged in generation of solar power. NEPL had entered into Business Transfer Agreement (BTA) with Videocon Industries Limited (VIL) as on 30th March, 2017, thereby acquired Solar Plant of 5MW Grid connected Solar PV project situated at Warora, District Chandrapur, Maharashtra. The original Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) agreement of Videocon and NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (NVVN) (100% owned by NTPC) was signed on 15.10.2010. Later, it was amended to include NEPL as Power Generator party as on 16.11.2017. As per PPA, NEPL shall be entitled to receive fix tariff of Rs.17.91/kWh for tenure of 25 years.

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.

Applicable Criteria

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

Liquidity Indicators – “No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuité to comment upon”

Rating Sensitivities - “No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuité to comment upon”

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

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

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

Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
17-Jun-2020	Term Loan	Long Term	21.34	ACUITE BB+/Stable (Assigned)

*Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Bank	Ratings/Outlook
Term Loan	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	21.34	IDFC First Bank	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+/Stable and Withdrawn) Issuer not co-operating*

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