



Press Release SSS HITECH CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED

November 07, 2024 Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating			
Bank Loan Ratings	35.00	ACUITE C Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-			
Bank Loan Ratings	50.77	-	ACUITE A4 Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*			
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	85.77	-	-			
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-			
* The issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information.						

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded its long-term rating to 'ACUITE C' (read as ACUITE Cf)rom 'ACUITE BB+' (read as ACUITE double B plus) and its short-term rating to 'ACUITE A4' (read as ACUITE A four) from 'ACUITE A4+' (read as ACUITE A four plus) on the Rs. 85.77 crore bank facilities of SSS HITECH CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED.

Acuite had sent repeated reminders to the company for sharing critical information for surveillance of the ratings. But despite multiple requests, the company has remained non-cooperative in providing the information. The rating is now flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on best available information.

The rating is downgraded on account of information risk and delays reflected in servicing of debt obligations in credit bureau information report of the company.

About the Company

SSS Hitech Constructions Private Limited was initially established in 2009, as a partnership under the name of SSS Constructions promoted by Mr. Natesan Srinivasan and his family members; it was reconstituted as a private limited company in 2012. The company is engaged in civil construction activities like construction of Buildings, and other civil construction activities mainly in Tamil-nadu. The company majorly works for the government entities such as CPWD Tamil-nadu, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh. The operations of the company are currently headed by Mr. Natesan Srinivasan and Mrs. Sreedevi.

Unsupported Rating

Not Applicable

Non-cooperation by the issuer/borrower

Acuité 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.

Acuité 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 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 Particulars	Unit	FY 23 (Actual)	FY 22 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	102.47	88.83
PAT	Rs. Cr.	5.13	3.72
PAT Margin	(%)	5.00	4.19
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	0.49	0.45
PBDIT/Interest	Times	4.07	4.12

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

None

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

• Infrastructure Sector: https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-51.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		
06 Nov 2023	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Short Term	25.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)		
	Proposed Short Term Bank Facility	Short Term	0.77	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)		
	Proposed Bank Guarantee	Short Term	25.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)		
	Cash Credit	Long Term	12.00	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Reaffirmed)		
	Proposed Term Loan Long Term		5.00	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Assigned)		
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	18.00	ACUITE BB+ Stable (Assigned)		
07 Jul 2023	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Short Term	19.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE A3)		
	Proposed Bank Guarantee	Short Term	6.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE A3)		
	Proposed Short Term Short Bank Facility Term		0.77	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE A3)		
	Cash Credit	Cash Credit Long Term		ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BBB- Stable)		
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	4.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BBB- Stable)		
	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Short Term	19.00	ACUITE A3 (Assigned)		
12 May 2022	Proposed Bank Guarantee	Short Term	6.00	ACUITE A3 (Assigned)		
	Proposed Short Term Bank Facility	Short Term	0.77	ACUITE A3 (Assigned)		
	Cash Credit	Long Term	8.00	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)		
	Proposed Cash Credit	Long Term	4.00	ACUITE BBB- Stable (Assigned)		

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	-	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Complexity Level	Rating
State Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	25.00	Simple	ACUITE A4 Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE A4+)
State Bank of India	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	12.00	Simple	ACUITE C Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB+)
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Bank Guarantee	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	25.00	Simple	ACUITE A4 Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE A4+)
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	18.00	Simple	ACUITE C Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB+)
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Short Term Bank Facility	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	0.77	Simple	ACUITE A4 Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE A4+)
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Term	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	5.00	Simple	ACUITE C Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB+)

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