



## Press Release

### AGRAWAL SPONGE PRIVATE LIMITED (ERSTWHILE AGRAWAL SPONGE LIMITED)

March 31, 2025

### Rating Downgraded, Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	24.00	ACUITE BB   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating*	-
Bank Loan Ratings	10.00	-	ACUITE A4+   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*
<b>Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)</b>	34.00	-	-
<b>Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)</b>	0.00	-	-

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

## Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE BB**' (read as **ACUITE double Bf**) from '**ACUITE BB+**' (read as **ACUITE double B plus**) and reaffirmed the short term rating of '**ACUITE A4+**' (read as **ACUITE A four plus**) on the Rs. 34.00 crore bank facilities of Agrawal Sponge Private Limited (ASPL) on account of information risk. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

## About the Company

Chhattisgarh Based, Agrawal Sponge Private Limited (ASPL) was Incorporated in 2002. The company is involved in the manufacture of sponge iron with an installed capacity of 66,000 MTPA and MS ingots with an installed capacity of 15,000 MTPA. The manufacturing facility of company is located in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. ASPL's board of directors include Mr. Kailash Chand Agrawal, Mrs. Rajni Devi Agrawal, Mr. Ankur Agrawal and Mr. Amol Agrawal.

## About the Group

Rashmi Sponge Iron & Power Industries Private Limited (RSIPIPL) is a Chhattisgarh based company, incorporated in 1995. The company was initially incorporated as JRG Credits & Holdings Pvt. Ltd. but was taken over by Agrawal family in 2003. RSIPIPL is engaged in the manufacture of sponge iron with an installed capacity of 66,000 MTPA, billets with an installed capacity of 100,000 MTPA and has a captive power plant of 8 MW. The manufacturing unit of the company is located at Siltara Industrial Area in Raipur. The company's board of directors include Mr. Kailash Chand Agrawal, Mr. Manoj Agrawal, Mr. Ankur Agrawal and Mr. Amol Agrawal. Incorporated in 2015, Vraj Metaliks Private Limited (VMPL) was taken over by the current directors in 2018. The company is involved in the manufacture of sponge iron with an installed capacity of 66,000 MTPA. The

manufacturing facility of company is located in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. VMPL's board of directors include Mr. Kailash Chand Agrawal, Mr. Manoj Agrawal, Mr. Ankur Agrawal and Mr. Amol Agrawal. Together the above three companies are referred to as the 'Rashmi Sponge Group' (RSG). Currently, the group has installed capacities of sponge iron ~ 200,000 MTPA, billets 100,000 MTPA, MS ingots 15,000 MTPA and captive power plant of 8 MW. In addition, RSIPIPL has a stake of 17.61 per cent in ASPL and 19.88 per cent in VMPL.

**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 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**

This rating is based on information available from sources other than the issuer / borrower (in the absence of information provided by the issuer / borrower) . Acuite endeavoured to gather information about the entity/industry from the public domain. Any rating with the suffix 'Issuer not cooperating' is assigned without any management interaction with the issuer entity or any data / information from the entity. Sometimes this non co-operation by a rated entity may be due to a result of deterioration in the credit risk profile of the entity. Therefore, Acuité cautions lenders and investors regarding the use of such information, on which the indicative credit rating is based.

#### **Rating Sensitivity**

"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 22 (Actual)	FY 21 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	630.19	448.07
PAT	Rs. Cr.	21.86	13.25
PAT Margin	(%)	3.47	2.96
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	0.53	0.49
PBDIT/Interest	Times	4.30	3.00

### Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

### Any other information

None

### Applicable Criteria

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

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](http://www.acuite.in).

## Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
08 Jan 2024	Letter of Credit	Short Term	7.50	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Short Term	2.50	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	24.00	ACUITE BB+ (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
18 Oct 2022	Letter of Credit	Short Term	7.50	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE A3+)
	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Short Term	2.50	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE A3+)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	24.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BBB   Stable)

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

## Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Complexity Level	Rating
HDFC Bank Ltd	Not avl. / Not appl.	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	2.50	Simple	ACUITE A4+   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*
HDFC Bank Ltd	Not avl. / Not appl.	Cash Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	24.00	Simple	ACUITE BB   Downgraded   Issuer not co-operating* ( from ACUITE BB+ )
HDFC Bank Ltd	Not avl. / Not appl.	Letter of Credit	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	7.50	Simple	ACUITE A4+   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating*

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

## Contacts

Mohit Jain Senior Vice President-Rating Operations	<b>Contact details exclusively for investors and lenders</b>
Abhishek Singh Analyst-Rating Operations	Mob: +91 8591310146 Email ID: <a href="mailto:analyticalsupport@acuite.in">analyticalsupport@acuite.in</a>

### About Acuité Ratings & Research

Acuité is a full-service Credit Rating Agency registered with the Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The company received RBI Accreditation as an External Credit Assessment Institution (ECAI) for Bank Loan Ratings under BASEL-II norms in the year 2012. Acuité has assigned ratings to various securities, debt instruments and bank facilities of entities spread across the country and across a wide cross section of industries. It has its Registered and Head Office in Kanjurmarg, Mumbai.

**Disclaimer:** An Acuité rating does not constitute an audit of the rated entity and should not be treated as a recommendation or opinion that is intended to substitute for a financial adviser's or investor's independent assessment of whether to buy, sell or hold any security. Ratings assigned by Acuité are based on the data and information provided by the issuer and obtained from other reliable sources. Although reasonable care has been taken to ensure that the data and information is true, Acuité, in particular, makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied with respect to the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of the information relied upon. Acuité is not responsible for any errors or omissions and especially states that it has no financial liability whatsoever for any direct, indirect or consequential loss of any kind, arising from the use of its ratings. Ratings assigned by Acuité are subject to a process of surveillance which may lead to a revision in ratings as and when the circumstances so warrant. Please visit our website ([www.acuite.in](http://www.acuite.in)) for the latest information on any instrument rated by Acuité. Please visit <https://www.acuite.in/faqs.htm> to refer FAQs on Credit Rating.

**Note:** None of the Directors on the Board of Acuité Ratings & Research Limited are members of any rating committee and therefore do not participate in discussions regarding the rating of any entity.