



Press Release
Inkel Limited
December 04, 2024
Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Fixed Deposits (FD)	40.00	ACUITE BB- Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	40.00	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

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

Rating Rationale

Acuité has downgraded the long-term rating to ‘**ACUITE BB-**’ (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) from ‘**ACUITE BB**’ (read as **ACUITE double B**) on the Rs.40.00 Cr. Fixed Deposit Programme of Inkel Limited 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

Inkel Limited is PPP (Public-Private-Partnership) Incorporated in 2007, initiative of Government of Kerala (GoK) to encourage NRI (Non-resident Indian) investments in Infrastructure. The government along with State owned companies holds 29.6 percent in the company. Further, the board consists of Mr. P Rajeeve as Chairman - Minister for Industries, Law and Coir in the Govt. of Kerala, Dr. Kamalakannan Ellangovan as Managing Director - Former Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Industries & NORKA, Government of Kerala and Mr. Suman Billa - Principal Secretary, Department of Industries & NORKA, Government of Kerala.

The company provides holistic consultancy services as a Project Management Consultant (PMC) for Infrastructure projects. Inkel’s major source of revenue is centage fees which is 3-7 percent the project cost. The company has been diversifying profit-earning streams from predominantly PMC to EPC contractor. Further, the company intends to set up wind power plant of 14 MGW with total project cost of Rs. 98.00 Cr. Additionally, the company earns Initial lease premium and operating lease through subleasing land leased from Inkel KSIDC.

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:

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 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 23 (Actual)	FY 22 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	85.01	94.70
PAT	Rs. Cr.	14.43	8.88
PAT Margin	(%)	16.98	9.37
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	0.57	0.62
PBDIT/Interest	Times	2.50	2.19

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

Any other information

None

Applicable Criteria

- Infrastructure Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-51.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>

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument

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Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
08 Dec 2023	Fixed Deposit Program	Long Term	40.00	ACUITE BB (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Short Term	51.30	ACUITE Not Applicable (Withdrawn)
08 Dec 2022	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Short Term	51.30	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)
	Proposed Fixed Deposit Program	Long Term	40.00	ACUITE BB Stable (Assigned)

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Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Complexity Level	Rating
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Fixed Deposit Program	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	40.00	Simple	ACUITE BB- Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB)

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