



**Press Release**  
**KARNIKRIPA POWER PRIVATE LIMITED**  
**April 28, 2025**  
**Rating Downgraded & Withdrawn and Issuer not co-operating**

| Product                                       | Quantum<br>(Rs. Cr) | Long Term Rating  | Short Term<br>Rating |
|---|---------------------|---|----------------------|
| Bank Loan Ratings                             | 189.00              | ACUITE BB+   Downgraded & Withdrawn   Issuer<br>not co-operating* | -                    |
| <b>Total Outstanding<br/>Quantum (Rs. Cr)</b> | 0.00                | -   | -                    |
| <b>Total Withdrawn Quantum<br/>(Rs. Cr)</b>   | 189.00              | -   | -                    |

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

**Rating Rationale**

Acuite has downgraded and withdrawn the long-term rating to ‘**ACUITE BB+(read as ACUITE double B plus)**’ from ‘**ACUITE BBB+ (read as ACUITE triple B plus)**’ on the Rs.189.00 Cr. bank facilities Karnikripa Power Private Limited. The rating has been withdrawn on account of the request received from the company, and the NOC(No Objection Certificate) received from the bankers.

The rating is now flagged as “Issuer Not Cooperating” and is based on the best available information. The rating is downgraded on account of information risk.

The rating has been withdrawn as per Acuite's policy of withdrawal of ratings as applicable to the respective instrument/facility.

**About the Company**

Incorporated in 2020, Karnikripa Power Private Limited (KPPL) is based in Chhattisgarh. KPPL's commercial operations of manufacturing sponge iron is expected to commence by FY2024. The company is the flagship entity of the Maruti Group. Currently, KPPL is headed by Mr. Saurabh Tola, Mr. Ankit Chowdhary and others. The company has a capacity of 165000 MTPA of Sponge Iron.

**About the Group**

Incorporated in 2003, Chhattisgarh based Maruti Ferrous Private Limited (MFPL) is engaged in manufacturing of billets and TMT bars. The company is the flagship entity of the Maruti Group. Currently, MFPL is headed by Mr. Bimal Kishore Khetan, Mr. Ankit Chowdhary and others. The company has a capacity of 96000 MTPA for Billet and 150000 MTPA for TMT bars.

Incorporated in 2002, Chhattisgarh based Nutan Ispat & Power Private Limited (NIPPL) is engaged in manufacturing of sponge iron, billets and TMT bars. In 2014, the company became part of the Maruti group. Currently, NIPPL is headed by Mr. Bimal Kishore Khetan, Mr. Ankit Chowdhary and others. The company has a capacity of 60000 MTPA for Sponge Iron, 88320 MTPA for Billet, 150000 MTPA for TMT bars and a 10MW captive power plant.

Incorporated in 1991, Chhattisgarh based Sunil Ispat & Power Limited (SIPL) is engaged in manufacturing of sponge iron. In 2019, Maruti Ferrous Private Limited had acquired Sunil Ispat & Power Limited (SIPL) through NCLT. Currently, the company has a capacity of 115000 MTPA for Sponge Iron, 30000 MTPA for Ferro Alloys

and a 20MW captive power plant.

Incorporated in 2003, Chhattisgarh based Ghankun Steels Private Limited (GSPL) is engaged in manufacturing of sponge iron and billets. In 2010, the company became part of the Maruti group. Currently, GSPL is headed by Mr. Bimal Kishore Khetan, Mr. Ankit Chowdhary and others. The company has a capacity of 75000 MTPA for Sponge Iron, 75000 MTPA for Billet (Previously, capacity of 15000 for Billet was present and now capacity of 60000 MTPA got transferred from Hanuman Ispat Private Limited) and a 9.5MW captive power plant.

The Group also consists of two more entities Hanuman Ispat Private Limited (HIPL) and HSR Re-Rollers Private Limited (HRRPL).

Earlier, Hanuman Ispat Private Limited (HIPL) had a billet capacity of 60000 MTPA, which is now transferred to Ghankun Steels Private Limited.

Further, HSR Re-Rollers Private Limited (HRRPL) is engaged in manufacturing of 60000 MTPA of TMT.

### **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**

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 Sensitivities**

"No information provided by the issuer/borrower available for Acuite to comment upon."

### **Liquidity Position**

"No information provided by the issuer/borrower 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. | 1409.71        | 1323.95        |
| PAT                           | Rs. Cr. | 60.45          | 37.53          |
| PAT Margin                    | (%)     | 4.29           | 2.84           |
| Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth | Times   | 0.83           | 0.73           |
| PBDIT/Interest                | Times   | 3.84           | 3.18           |

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA**

Not Applicable

**Interaction with Audit Committee anytime in the last 12 months (applicable for rated-listed / proposed to be listed debt securities being reviewed by Acuite)**

**Not applicable**

**Any other information**

None

## Applicable Criteria

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

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## Rating History

| Date        | Name of Instruments/Facilities | Term      | Amount (Rs. Cr) | Rating/Outlook   |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--|
| 01 Jul 2024 | Cash Credit                    | Long Term | 30.00           | ACUITE BBB+   Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE BBB   Stable) |
|             | Term Loan                      | Long Term | 79.00           | ACUITE BBB+   Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE BBB   Stable) |
|             | Term Loan                      | Long Term | 6.00            | ACUITE BBB+   Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE BBB   Stable) |
|             | Term Loan                      | Long Term | 74.00           | ACUITE BBB+   Stable (Assigned)                          |
| 02 May 2023 | Cash Credit                    | Long Term | 30.00           | ACUITE BBB   Stable (Assigned)                           |
|             | Term Loan                      | Long Term | 85.00           | ACUITE BBB   Stable (Assigned)                           |

## Annexure - Details of instruments rated

| Lender's Name       | ISIN                 | Facilities  | Date Of Issuance     | Coupon Rate          | Maturity Date        | Quantum (Rs. Cr.) | Complexity Level | Rating  |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|---|
| Union Bank of India | Not avl. / Not appl. | Cash Credit | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 30.00             | Simple           | ACUITE BB+   Downgraded & Withdrawn   Issuer not co-operating* ( from ACUITE BBB+ ) |
| Union Bank of India | Not avl. / Not appl. | Term Loan   | 30 Jun 2023          | Not avl. / Not appl. | 28 Feb 2031          | 79.00             | Simple           | ACUITE BB+   Downgraded & Withdrawn   Issuer not co-operating* ( from ACUITE BBB+ ) |
| HDFC Bank Ltd       | Not avl. / Not appl. | Term Loan   | 31 Oct 2023          | Not avl. / Not appl. | 30 Jun 2031          | 6.00              | Simple           | ACUITE BB+   Downgraded & Withdrawn   Issuer not co-operating* ( from ACUITE BBB+ ) |
| HDFC Bank Ltd       | Not avl. / Not appl. | Term Loan   | 31 Oct 2023          | Not avl. / Not appl. | 30 Jun 2031          | 74.00             | Simple           | ACUITE BB+   Downgraded & Withdrawn   Issuer not co-operating* ( from ACUITE BBB+ ) |

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### \*Annexure 2 - List of Entities (applicable for Consolidation or Parent / Group / Govt. Support)

| Sr.No. | Company Name                          |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| 1      | Maruti Ferrous Private Limited        |
| 2      | Karnikripa Power Private Limited      |
| 3      | Ghankun Steels Private Limited        |
| 4      | Sunil Ispat and Power Limited         |
| 5      | Nutan Ispat and Power Private Limited |
| 6      | Hanuman Ispat Private Limited         |
| 7      | HSR Re-Rollers Private Limited        |

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