

Press Release

GAYATRISHAKTI TISSUE PRIVATE LIMITED September 04, 2025

Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating



| Product | Quantum (Rs. Cr) | Long Term Rating | Short Term Rating | |
|---|------------------------|--|--|--|
| Bank Loan Ratings | 320.00 | ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* | - | |
| Bank Loan Ratings | Ratings 55.00 - | | ACUITE A4+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* | |
| Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 375.00 | - | - | |
| Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 0.00 | - | - | |
| * The issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information. | | | | |

Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded its long term rating to 'ACUITE BB+ (read as ACUITE double B plus)f'rom 'ACUITE A- (read as ACUITE A minus)'the short term rating to 'ACUITE A4+ (read as ACUITE A four plus)f'rom 'ACUITE A2+ (read as ACUITE A two plus)'on the Rs. 375.00 Cr. bank facilities of Gayatrishakti Tissue Private Limited (GTPL). The rating is now flagged as "Issuer Not Cooperating" and is based on the best available information.

Rationale for Downgrade

The rating is downgraded due to non receipt of confirmation, despite multiple follow ups by Acuite with debenture trustee and issuer, on the Non convertible debentures' debt servicing due as on August 31, 2025, issued by GTPL's parent company i.e Gayatrishakti Paper and Boards Limited (GPBL) which along with Kherani Paper Mills Private Limited is consolidated with GTPL to derive its rating.

About the Company

Incorporated in 2022, GTPL is a subsidiary of GPBL, engaged in manufacturing of virgin and non-virgin tissue papers. Situated in Vapi, the plant has a manufacturing capacity of 36,000 MTPA. The company is promoted by Mr. Gajendra Nagin Agarwal and Ms. Meena Gajendra Agrawal.

About the Group

Gayatrishakti Paper and Boards Limited

Mumbai based, Gayatrishakti Paper and Boards Limited was founded in 1996 as a public limited company and is promoted by the G.N. Agarwal group. The company manufactures premium coated paper boards (duplex board) & kraft paper. It's duplex unit is located in Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) at Vapi and kraft paper unit at Sarigam. The present directors of the company are Mr. Gajendra Nagin Agarwal, Ms. Meena Gajendra Agrawal, Mr. Mahesh Narottam Jalan, Mr. Nikhar Gajendra Agarwal, Mr. Arun Kumar Lahoti, Mr. Pralhad Mansing Aher, Mr. Vinay Doulat Parashar, Mr. Mahesh Shyamnarayan Dwivedi and Ms. Suman Agarwal.

Kherani Paper Mills Private Limited (KPMPL)

Mumbai based Kherani Paper Mills Private Limited (KPMPL) was originally incorporated in 1988 and subsequently takenover by the present management i.e. G.N. Agarwal Group in the year 1992. It is engaged in the manufacturing of duplex board in different grammages ranging from 180 GSM to 550 GSM. Its factory is situated at Vapi, Gujarat with a manufacturing capacity of the plant is 48,000 MTPA. The present directors of the company are Mr. Gajendra Nagin Agarwal, Ms. Meena Gajendra Agrawal and Ms. Tanisha Nikhar Agarwal.

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.

ESG Factors Relevant for Rating

On the environment front, group has restored to clean sources of energy like solar power for running its plants to save power emissions. In its new tissue manufacturing facility, the group has installed a waste to energy boiler, which uses plastic waste to generate steam. Further, the group has an effluent treatment plant system for treatment of water. On the social front, the group has developed healthy employment practices such as insurance benefits, health and safety policies, corporate social responsibility programs for upskilling, vocational training, gender equality and rural development. It also promotes gender diversity and inclusivity.

On the governance front, the group has adopted requirement of corporate governance from provision of Companies Act 2013. The board of directors comprises of professionals having expertise and experience in the industry with one executive director, two non-executive directors and two of independent directors. Further, the group has constituted an audit committee and developed whistleblower policy to ensure a healthy governance mechanism.

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 | Unit | FY 25 (Provisional) | FY 24 (Actual) |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------|----------------|
| Operating Income | Rs. Cr. | 1152.04 | 1049.59 |
| PAT | Rs. Cr. | 38.14 | 24.56 |
| PAT Margin | (%) | 3.31 | 2.34 |
| Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth | Times | 1.93 | 1.99 |
| PBDIT/Interest | Times | 2.45 | 2.43 |

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

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

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|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Date | Name of Instruments/Facilities | Term | Amount (Rs. Cr) | Rating/Outlook | |
| 05 Jun 2025 | Cash Credit | Long Term | 32.50 | ACUITE A- Stable (Assigned) | |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 100.00 | ACUITE A- Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE BBB+ Stable) | |
| | Cash Credit | Long Term | 32.50 | ACUITE A- Stable (Assigned) | |
| | Term Loan Long Term | | 110.00 | ACUITE A- Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE BBB+ Stable) | |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 45.00 | ACUITE A- Stable (Assigned) | |
| | Letter of Credit | Short Term | 27.50 | ACUITE A2+ (Assigned) | |
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| 05 Jul 2024 | Term Loan | Long Term | 110.00 | ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Reaffirmed) | |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 100.00 | ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Reaffirmed) | |
| 07 Jun 2023 | Term Loan | Long Term | 110.00 | ACUITE BBB+ Stable (Assigned) | |
| | Term Loan | Long Term | 100.00 | 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 |
|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---|
| HDFC Bank Ltd | Not avl. / Not appl. | Cash Credit | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 32.50 | Simple | ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE A-) |
| Axis Bank | Not avl. / Not appl. | Cash Credit | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 32.50 | Simple | ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE A-) |
| | Not avl. / Not appl. | | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 27.50 | Simple | ACUITE A4+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE A2+) |
| Axis Bank | Not avl. / Not appl. | | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 27.50 | Simple | ACUITE A4+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE A2+) |
| HDFC Bank Ltd | Not avl. / Not appl. | Term Loan | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 31 Mar 2032 | 45.00 | Simple | ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE A-) |
| | Not avl. / Not appl. | Term Loan | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 31 Mar 2032 | 110.00 | Simple | ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE A-) |
| Axis Bank | Not avl. / Not appl. | Term Loan | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 31 Mar 2032 | 100.00 | Simple | ACUITE BB+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE A-) |

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

| Sr. No. | Company Name |
|---------|--|
| 1 | Gayatrishakti Paper and Boards Limited |
| 2 | Kherani Paper Mills Private Limited |
| 3 | Gayatrishakti Tissue Private Limited |

Disclosure of list of non-cooperative issuers

- Listed :- https://www.acuite.in/Non-Cooperative_Issuer_Listed.php Unlisted :- https://www.acuite.in/Non-Cooperative_Issuer_Unlisted.php

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