



Press Release
RAJMATA JIJAAU ROAD NIRMITI PRIVATE LIMITED
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Rating Reaffirmed

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	24.00	ACUITE A- Stable Reaffirmed	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	24.00	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed its long term rating of '**ACUITE A-**' (**read as ACUITE A minus**) of Rs. 24.00 Cr. bank facility of Rajmata Jijaau Road Nirmiti Private Limited (RJRNP). The outlook remains '**Stable**'.

Rationale for Rating:

The rating considers receipts of 7 annuity payments by the company. Acuite has also considered the financial support and funding support in the form of corporate guarantees for the loan availed from the sponsor while arriving at the rating. Further, the rating factors the maintenance of major maintenance reserve account (MMRA) and DSRA equivalent to 2 principal instalments and 12 months interest along with escrow mechanism retained. However, while the project's receipts have low risk due to fixed annuity amounts, the rating continues to remain constrained by the delay in annuity receipts from the PWD authority. Further, any significant changes in the operation & maintenance (O&M) costs or interest costs impacting the debt serviceability shall be a key rating monitorable.

About the Company

Rajmata Jijaau Road Nirmiti Private Limited (RJRNP), an SPV incorporated on 15th February 2019 was set up to implement the project for development, maintenance and management of state highways and major district roads in Maharashtra. It also undertakes upgradation to two-lane with paved shoulders as per IRC standards wherever required, for state highway HAM-78A. The project includes development from Washim Road to Lonar road, including Washim District HQ to Lonar Lake (15.98 kilometres), in Maharashtra. It is carried by Mr. Girish Bhagwat Chaudhari, Mr. Rajesh Prakash Chaudhari & Mr. Arjun Bhivasan Kat.

Unsupported Rating

Not Applicable

Analytical Approach

For arriving at the rating, Acuite has considered the standalone credit profile of RJRNPL. Further, Acuite has also considered DSRA which is created upfront equivalent to 2 principal instalments and 12 months interest and escrow mechanism, as specified in the loan sanction letter while arriving at the rating.

Key Rating Drivers

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Strengths

Benefits derived from the annuity-based revenue model

The project developed has an annuity-based revenue model. Under this model, the PWD, Maharashtra makes bi-annual payment over the concession period to the concessionaire. Further, bi-annual operational and maintenance expense and interest cost are reimbursed to the extent of bank rate 3 per cent. The project was completed in January 2022. Further, the company has received the final completion certificate and 7 annuity payments from the authority.

Strong operational and financial support from the sponsor

BNC Power Projects Limited (BNCPPPL) has decades of experience in the civil construction, electrical-transmission and substations segments. The sponsor holds 99.90% shares of the company and provides funds and technical support to the project. The company has achieved revenues of ~Rs.190-200 Cr till H1FY26 (earlier Rs. 102.89 Cr. till August 2024). BNCPPPL has a healthy unexecuted order book of about ~Rs.2000 Cr. till December 2025 mainly from railway electrification and transmission lines. The OB/OI stood at 4.68 times (2000/427.13). This provides revenue visibility over the medium term. The sponsor has provided corporate guarantees on the bank loans of the Company. Acuite believes that the sponsor is expected to provide technical or funding support in case of any exigency over the medium term.

Waterfall Mechanism in ESCROW account and Debt-service reserve account (DSRA)

The company has an escrow mechanism through which cash flows from authority is routed and used for payment as per the defined payment waterfall. Only surplus cash flow after meeting operating expense, debt servicing obligation, and provision for major maintenance expense, can be utilised as per company's discretion during the concession period. Further, the company maintains DSRA equivalent to 12 months of interest and 2 principal instalments which stood at Rs. 6.97 Cr as of 25th December 2025 which provides additional liquidity cushion. The debt service coverage ratio (DSCR) is expected to remain at over 1.20 times for the tenure of the loan.

Weaknesses

Delay in receipt of annuity from PWD

There have been delays in receipt of annuities from the authority. Further, for the annuity due in July 2025, bill was raised in December 25 and has been received subsequently based on management's feedback. Furthermore, the debt repayments have been paid in a timely manner. However, prolonged delays in annuity may impact the debt serviceability, therefore, remains a key rating sensitivity.

Inherent operation & maintenance and interest fluctuation risk

The company is required to ensure and carry out major maintenance of the road for the entire concession period, to be eligible for annuities. The major maintenance was carried out in the year 2025, and next maintenance is due in the year, 2029. Additionally, the company is also exposed to inherent risks associated with O&M expenses as any increase in such expenses can impact the operating margins and subsequently impact the debt service ability of the company. Further, the debt interest rates along with fixed annuities, project receives interest payments on the balance annuities that are linked to the prevailing bank rate, therefore, fluctuations in interest rates may impact the debt obligations of the company.

Assessment of Adequacy of Credit Enhancement under various scenarios including stress scenarios (applicable for ratings factoring specified support considerations with or without the "CE" suffix)

RJRNPPL maintains a Debt Service Reserve Account (DSRA) equivalent to 2 principal instalments and 12 months interest obligations along with the ESCROW mechanism.

Stress Case scenario

Acuite believes that, given the presence of DSRA mechanism equivalent to 2 principal

instalments and 12 months interest obligations. RJRNPL will be able to service its debt on time, even in a stress scenario.

Rating Sensitivities

Timely receipt of annuity payments from the Government

Any increase in O&M cost or interest rates impacting the debt serviceability

Liquidity Position

Adequate

RJRNPL's liquidity position is adequate marked by receipt of annuity and corporate guarantee from the sponsor throughout repayment of debt obligations. The presence of MMRA & DSRA provides additional liquidity cushion. The company has cash and bank balances of Rs.2.86 Cr in FY25 as against Rs.1.49 Cr in FY24. Further, the average debt service coverage ratio (DSCR) is expected to remain ~7.85 times over the balance debt tenor. Acuite believes that the liquidity is likely to remain adequate backed by annuity payments from government and support from sponsor.

Outlook: Stable

Other Factors affecting Rating

None

Key Financials

Particulars	Unit	FY 25 (Actual)	FY 24 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	3.53	3.99
PAT	Rs. Cr.	(0.62)	(0.29)
PAT Margin	(%)	(17.63)	(7.31)
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	5.38	5.11
PBDIT/Interest	Times	0.85	0.84

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA (if applicable)

Not Applicable

Any other information

None.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition :- <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Infrastructure Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-51.htm>
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Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
29 Oct 2024	Term Loan	Long Term	23.20	ACUITE A- Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	0.80	ACUITE A- Stable (Reaffirmed)
01 Aug 2023	Term Loan	Long Term	24.00	ACUITE A- 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
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	5.60	Simple	ACUITE A- Stable Reaffirmed
BANK OF MAHARASHTRA	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	30 Apr 2031	18.40	Simple	ACUITE A- Stable Reaffirmed

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