

Press Release

Lauls Limited

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 67.00 Cr.#
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BBB- Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A3+ Issuer not co-operating*

#Refer Annexure for details

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

Rating Rationale

Acuité has reviewed the long-term rating of '**ACUITE BBB-**' (**read as ACUITE BBB minus**) and short term rating of '**ACUITE A3+**' (**read as ACUITE A three plus**) on the Rs. 67.00 crore bank facilities of Lauls Limited. This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

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 due date.

This rating is therefore being flagged as "Issuer not-cooperating", in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuité's policies.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-17.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities- <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-4.htm>

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 endeavoured 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.

About the Rated Entity:

The Faridabad-based, Lauls Limited, established in 1966 was promoted by Mr. Sudhir Gupta, Ms. Kanishk Sagar Gupta and Mr. Abhay Sagar Gupta. The company is the consignment agent for Tata Steel Limited and also a distributor of ferrous alloys. Besides, it is also engaged in the manufacture of steel components (fish plates, inserts among others) for Indian Railways.

For FY2014-15, Lauls Limited reported profit after tax (PAT) of Rs.10.18 crore on operating income of Rs.116.11 crore, as compared with PAT of Rs.3.54 crore on operating income of Rs.114.06 crore in the previous year. The net worth stood at Rs.37.16 crore as on 31 March, 2015 compared to Rs.20.97 crore a year earlier.

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

None

Any other information

Acuité is yet to receive the latest No Default Statement (NDS) from the rated entity, despite repeated requests and follow-ups.

Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Ratings/Outlook
24-june-17	Cash Credit	Long term	9.00	ACUITE BBB- (Indicative)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A3+ (Indicative)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A3+ (Indicative)
	Term Loan	Long Term	52.00	ACUITE BBB- (Indicative)
23-March-16	Cash Credit	Long term	9.00	ACUITE BBB-/Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long term	52.00	ACUITE BBB-/Stable (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A3+ ((Assigned))
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A3+ ((Assigned))

*Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	9.00	ACUITE BBB- Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3.00	ACUITE A3+ Issuer not co-operating*
Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3.00	ACUITE A3+ Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	52.00	ACUITE BBB- Issuer not co-operating*

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