

## Press Release

### Lauls Limited

December 13, 2019

### Rating Update



<b>Total Bank Facilities Rated*</b>	Rs. 67.00 Cr. #
<b>Long Term Rating</b>	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*

# Refer Annexure for details

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

Acuité has downgraded the long-term rating of Lauls Limited (LL) to **'ACUITE BB' (read as ACUITE double B)** from **'ACUITE BBB-' (read as ACUITE triple B minus)**. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

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.

#### 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.

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.

#### Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-17.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.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 - Key Financials

The rated entity has not shared the latest financial statements despite repeated requests.

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

Not Applicable

#### 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
06-Oct-2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	9.00	ACUITE BBB- (Indicative)
	Term Loan	Long Term	52.00	ACUITE BBB- (Indicative)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A3+ (Indicative)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A3+ (Indicative)
24-Jun-2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	9.00	ACUITE BBB- (Indicative)
	Term Loan	Long Term	52.00	ACUITE BBB- (Indicative)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A3+ (Indicative)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A3+ (Indicative)
23-Mar-2016	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. Cr.)	Ratings
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	9.00	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	52.00	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB-) Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3+) Issuer not co-operating*
Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3+) Issuer not co-operating*

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