

Press Release

Lauls Limited

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Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	6.00	-	ACUITE A4 Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Loan Ratings	61.00	ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	67.00	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE B+**' (read as **ACUITE single B plus**) from '**ACUITE BB-**' (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) and the short-term rating to '**ACUITE A4**' (read as **ACUITE A four**) from '**ACUITE A4+**' (read as **ACUITE A four plus**) on the Rs. 67.00 crore bank facilities of Lauls Limited (LL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

About the Company

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:

Acuite 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.

This rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer not-cooperating", in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuite's policies.

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). Acuite endeavored to gather information about the entity/industry from the public domain. Therefore, Acuite 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.

Rating Sensitivity

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

Material Covenants

Not Applicable

Liquidity Position

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

Outlook

Not Applicable

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

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.

Applicable Criteria

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

Note on Complexity Levels of the Rated Instrument

<https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-55.htm>

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
23 Feb 2021	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	52.00	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	9.00	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating*)
13 Dec 2019	Letter of Credit	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A4+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	9.00	ACUITE BB (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	52.00	ACUITE BB (Issuer not co-operating*)
06 Oct 2018	Term Loan	Long Term	52.00	ACUITE BBB- (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A3+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	9.00	ACUITE BBB- (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A3+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Cash Credit	Long Term	9.00	ACUITE BBB- (Issuer not co-operating*)

24 Jun 2017	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A3+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	3.00	ACUITE A3+ (Issuer not co-operating*)
	Term Loan	Long Term	52.00	ACUITE BBB- (Issuer not co-operating*)
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

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
ICICI Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Bank Guarantee/Letter of Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3.00	ACUITE A4 Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*
ICICI Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	9.00	ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*
ICICI Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3.00	ACUITE A4 Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*
ICICI Bank Ltd	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	52.00	ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*

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