

Press Release

General Auto Electric Corporation

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs.9.00 Cr. #
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB / Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from 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 downgraded the long term rating to '**ACUITE BB+**' (read as **ACUITE double B plus**) from '**ACUITE BBB**' (read as **ACUITE triple B**) and the short term rating to '**ACUITE A4+**' (read as **ACUITE A four plus**) from '**ACUITE A3+**' (read as **ACUITE A three plus**) on the Rs.9.00 crore bank facilities of General Auto Electric Corporation (GEAC). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on the best available information.

The Mumbai-based, General Auto Electric Corporation (GAEC) was established in 1959, as a partnership firm by Mr. Ramesh Gandhi and Mr. Gopal Gandhi. The day to day operations is handled by Mr. Hetal R. Gandhi (Partner) and Mr. Nehal G. Gandhi (Partner). GAEC is engaged in the manufacturing of LED signals, track circuit and rolling stock equipment which finds application in Railways. The manufacturing facilities are located at Vasai and Thane in Mumbai.

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 an unwillingness to provide information could be a sign of potential deterioration in its overall credit quality.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Manufacturing Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-59.htm>
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm>

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument

<https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-55.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 has 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
24-Jul-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BBB / Stable (Upgraded from ACUITE BB+ / Stable)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	4.00	ACUITE A3+ (Upgraded from ACUITE A4+)
15-May-2018	Cash Credit	Long Term	5.00	ACUITE BB+ / Stable (Assigned)
	Bank Guarantee	Short Term	4.00	ACUITE A4+ (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	5.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB / Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
Bank Guarantee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	4.00	ACUITE A4+ (Downgraded from ACUITE A3+) Issuer not co-operating*

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

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