

Press Release

Eco Fuel Systems India Private Limited

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs.24.50 Cr.#
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from ACUITE BB/Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
Short Term Rating	ACUITE A4 (Downgraded from ACUITE A4+) Issuer not co-operating*

#Refer Annexure for details

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

Rating Rationale

Acuité has revised the long-term rating to '**ACUITE BB-**' (**read as ACUITE double B minus**) from '**ACUITE BB**' (**read as ACUITE double B**) 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.24.50 crore bank facilities of Eco Fuel Systems India Private Limited (EFSIPL). This rating is now an indicative rating and is based on best available information.

EFSI, a Mumbai-based company was incorporated in 2003. The company is promoted by Directors, Mr. Virendra Vora and Ms. Vibha V Vora. The company is one of the leading importers and distributors of car conversion systems (LPG & CNG) of Lovato Gas S.p.A, Italy. It deals in conversion of three-wheeler and four-wheeler petrol vehicles to eco-friendly gaseous fuel LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) & CNG (Compressed Natural Gas). The kits are in line with international standards and approved by the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), Vehicle Research and Development Establishment (VRDE) and Central Institute of Road Transport (CIRT). The kits are also registered with state transport authorities of Maharashtra, Delhi, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh.

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.

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.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Trading Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-61.htm>
- Financial Ratios And Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.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 endeavored 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 attempts.

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 (Up to last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Ratings/Outlook
03-January-2019	Cash Credit	Long Term	14.50	ACUITE BB/Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	10.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
13-December-2017	Cash Credit	Long Term	14.50	ACUITE BB/Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	10.00	ACUITE A4+ (Reaffirmed)
21-June-2016	Cash Credit	Long Term	14.50	ACUITE BB/Stable (Assigned)
	Letter of Credit	Short Term	10.00	ACUITE A4+ (Assigned)

*Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
Cash Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	14.50	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded from ACUITE BB/Stable) Issuer not co-operating*
Letter of Credit	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	10.00	ACUITE A4 (Downgraded from ACUITE A4+) Issuer not co-operating*

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