

Press Release

Gateway Education and Charitable Society

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Rating Update



Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs.21.00 Cr.#
Long Term Rating	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-) 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 to '**ACUITE B+**' (read as **ACUITE B plus**) from '**ACUITE BB-**' (Read as **ACUITE double B minus**) on the Rs.21.00 crore bank facilities of Gateway Education and Charitable Society (GECS). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

GECS, established in 2005, is headed by Mr. Rakesh Aggarwal (President), Mr. H. P. Mangla (Executive President), Ms. Anju Aggarwal (Vice President 1) and others. GECS manages six educational institutes from its campus located at Sonipat (Haryana). GECS presently caters to around 4,116 students.

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.

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-52.htm>
- Entities in Services Sector- <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.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.

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

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

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)

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
30 Apr, 2020	Secured Overdraft	Long term	1.00	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long term	20.00	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
05 Mar, 2019	Secured Overdraft	Long term	1.00	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long term	20.00	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
09 Jan, 2018	Secured Overdraft	Long term	1.00	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
	Term Loan	Long term	20.00	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*

#Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
Secured Overdraft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-) Issuer not co-operating*
Term Loan	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	20.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-) Issuer not co-operating*

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