

Press Release

Bijapur Hungund Tollway Private Limited

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs. 846.50 Cr.#
Long Term Rating	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*

#Refer Annexure for details

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

Acuite has downgraded the long term rating to '**ACUITE BB**' (read as **ACUITE double B**) from '**ACUITE BB+**' (read as **ACUITE double B plus**) on the Rs. 846.50 crore bank facilities of Bijapur Hungund Tollway Private Limited. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

Gujarat based BHTPL is established in 2010 as Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), promoted by Sadbhav Engineering Ltd (SEL) through its step down subsidiary Sadbhav Infrastructure Project Limited (SIPL) (77 per cent stake) and Monte Carlo Construction Limited (MCL) (23 per cent stake) for implementing a 97.22 km four laning road project under Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. The project envisaged four laning of the Bijapur Hungund section in the state of Karnataka on National Highway 13 (NH13). The project highway starts from Bijapur (Km 102.00 of NH 13) and ends at Hungund (Km 202.00 of NH 13). The project was awarded by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on Toll collection basis, with a concession period of 20 years, including the construction period of 910 days. The project achieved its COD in April 2012.

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.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Infrastructure Entities - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-51.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). 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.

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

Acuite 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
16-Dec-2019	Term Loan	Long Term	846.50	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BBB) Issuer not co-operating*
06-Oct-2018	Term Loan	Long Term	846.50	ACUITE BBB Issuer not co-operating*
19-Jan-2017	Term Loan	Long Term	846.50	ACUITE BBB 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
Term Loan	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	846.50	ACUITE BB (Downgraded from ACUITE BB+) Issuer not co-operating*

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