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## **Aequs Private Limited**

May 20, 2024

### **Ratings**

Instrument / Facility	Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Ratings	Rating Action	Complexity Indicator
Long Term Bank Facilities	25.00	IVR BB+/ Negative; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING IVR Double B Plus with Negative Outlook; placed under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING	Downgraded and moved to ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category	Simple
Total	25.00 (Rupees Twenty-five crores only)			

<sup>\*</sup>Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information

### **Details of Facilities are in Annexure 1**

#### **Detailed Rationale**

The revision in the ratings assigned to the bank facilities of Aequs Private Limited reflects lack of adequate information available and the uncertainty around its credit risk. Infomerics assesses whether the information available about the entity is commensurate with its rating and reviews the same as per its policy.

The lenders, investors and other market participants are thus advised to exercise appropriate caution while using this rating as this rating may not adequately reflect the credit risk profile of the entity.



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### Non-cooperation by Issuer

Infomerics has been regularly following up with the company to provide the required data to monitor its assigned rating to the bank facilities, vide mail communications dated February 26, 2024, February 29, 2024, March 06, 2024, March 12, 2024, March 29, 2024, April 03, 2024, and April 30, 2024, and concurrently over several phone calls. However, despite repeated requests by Infomerics, the company's management has not submitted the requested information for monitoring the ratings.

Availability of information is very critical in the rating exercise. In the absence of the requisite information, in consonance with SEBI guidelines, Infomerics has to review the rating based on the best available information. Accordingly, the ratings for the bank facilities of Aequs Private Limited aggregating Rs. 25 crores have been migrated to 'ISSUER NOT COOPERATING' category by Infomerics.

### Analytical Approach: Consolidated Approach

For arriving at the ratings, Infomerics has considered the consolidated financials of the company including all its subsidiary companies considering the same promoters and management and strong operational and financial linkage.

### **Applicable Criteria:**

Guidelines on what constitutes Non-Cooperation by clients

Rating Methodology for Manufacturing Companies

Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Non-Financial Sector)

Criteria of Rating Outlook | Infomerics Ratings

#### About the company

Aequs Private Limited is a diversified contract manufacturing company. It operates manufacturing facilities in India, France, and the United States. The company is vertically integrated product solutions for aerospace, toys & consumer durables industries. Its operations began in 2009 and specializes in precision machining for AeroSystems, Aerostructures, landing gear and engine components, sheet metal fabrication, forging, surface treatment, aerostructure assembly and testing and prototyping of components. Further the company has setup First Toy Manufacturing Cluster- Koppal Toy Cluster spread over 400



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acres, the campus is designed to house an entire toy manufacturing ecosystem. Also, company began operations in 2020 as contract manufacturer of consumer durable goods, offers capabilities that address the entire manufacturing value chain including design, development, and production. It also provides integrated warehousing and logistics services for domestic and global manufacturers.

### Financials (Standalone):

**INR** in Crore

For the year ended / As on	31-Mar-2021 (Audited)	31-Mar-2022 (Audited)
Total Operating Income	401.50	529.10
EBITDA	(25.70)	13.30
PAT	(81.10)	(102.90)
Total Debt	286.50	300.70
Adj. Tangible Net worth	118.10	167.20
EBITDA Margin (%)	-6.40	2.51
PAT Margin (%)	-18.75	-19.12
Overall Gearing Ratio (times)	2.42	1.72

<sup>\*</sup> Classification as per Infomerics' standards

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: None

Any other information: Nil

Rating History for last three years:

Name of	Current Ratings (Year 2024-25)			Rating History for the past 3 years			
Sr. No	instrument/	Туре	Amount outstanding (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2023-24	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2022-23	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2021-22
1.	Cash Credit	Long Term	25.00	IVR BB+/ Negative Outlook; ISSUER NOT CO- OPERATING	IVR BBB- / Negative Outlook (PR: March 28, 2023)	-	1

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Infomerics Valuation and Rating Private Ltd (Infomerics) was founded in the year 1986 by a team of highly experienced finance professionals for research and risk evaluation. Infomerics commenced its activities as External Credit Assessment Institution after obtaining registration from Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and accreditation from Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Adhering to best international practices and maintaining high degree of ethics, the team of analysts at Infomerics deliver quality credit ratings. Infomerics evaluates wide range of debt instruments which helps corporates access to financial markets and provides investors credit ratings backed by in-depth research. The transparent, robust, and credible ratings have gained the confidence of investors and the banks.

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### **Annexure 1: Details of Facilities**

Name of Facility	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Cash Credit	-	-	Repayable on demand	25.00	IVR BB+/Negative Outlook; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (IVR Double B plus with Negative outlook; Issuer Not Cooperating) *

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### Annexure 2: List of companies considered for consolidated analysis:

**Extent of consolidation: Full** 

		Ownership interest held by the Group		
Name of the entity	Place of business	As at March 31, 2022	As at March 31, 2021	
Aequs Aerospace BV (AABV)	Netherlands	100%	100%	
Aequs Aerospace LLC (AALLC)	USA	100%	100%	
Aequs Aero Machine Inc. (AAM)	USA	100%	100%	
Aequs Oil and Gas LLC (AOGLLC) Aerospace Manufacturing Holdings Private Limited	USA	95%	95%	
('AMHPL', Formerly Known as Aequs Aerospace Private	India	100%	100%	
Limited) AeroStructures Manufacturing India Private Limited (ASMIPL)	India	100%	100%	
Aequs Holdings France, SAS (AHSAS)	France	100%	100%	
Aequs Aerospace France SAS (formerly SIRA SAS, France) (AAF SAS)	France	100%	100%	
Bernar SAS (Bernar)	France	100%	100%	
Aequs Aerospace Cholet (Refer note below)	France	NA	100%	
SCI Du Champ De Pivoines	France	100%	100%	
Aequs Force Consumer Products Pvt. Ltd. (AFCPPL)	India	59%	0%	
Aequs Force Technology Private limited (India)	India	59%	0%	
Aequs Force Technology Company limited (Hk)	Hong Kong	59%	096	
Aequs Engineered Plastics Private Limited (AEPPL)	India	100%	0%	
Aequs Toys Hong Kong Private Ltd.(ATHPL)	Hong Kong	100%	0%	
Aegus Consumer Products Private Limited (ACPPL)	India	100%	0%	
Aequs Home Appliances Private Limited (AHAPL)	India	100%	0%	
Aequs Toys private limited (ATPL)	India	100%	0%	
Koppal Toys Moulding COE Private Limited (KTMCPL)	India	100%	096	
Koppal Toys Tooling COE Private Limited (KTTCPL)	ndia	100%	0%	
Aerostructures Assemblies India Private Limited (AAIPL)	ndia	100%	0%	

Annexure 3: Facility wise lender details: Not Applicable

Annexure 4: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instrument/ facilities: Not applicable.

**Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument:** Infomerics has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity and a note thereon is available at <a href="https://www.infomerics.com">www.infomerics.com</a>