

INITIAL CREDIT RATING REPORT ARIF & BROTHERS



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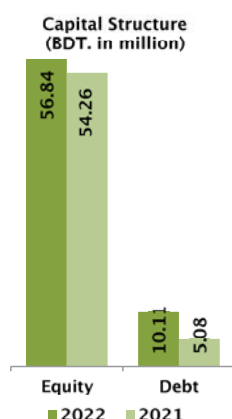
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Key Snapshot:

BDT. in million

Particulars	2022	2021
Revenue	40.02	35.02
EBIT	3.45	2.11
Net Profit	2.58	2.05
Total Assets	66.95	59.34
Total Equity	56.84	54.26
Total debt	10.11	5.08
Net Profit Margin (%)	6.4	5.8
CCC (Days)	165	122
ICR (X)	4.05	42.11



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SME Rating	WCRSE/WCRME	Outlook	Date of Declaration	Date of Expiration
	WCRSE 3	Stable	07 May 2023	06 May 2024

WCRSE 3 rating is equivalent to Bangladesh Bank SME rating scale of SME 3 under BRPD circular number BRPD(BIC)661/14B(P)/2014/2093

Methodology: SME rating methodology published on the WCRCL website at www.wasocreditrating.com

RATING RATIONALE

WCRCL has assigned 'WCRSE 3' (pronounced as WASO Credit Rating Small Enterprise Three) rating under the SME Rating to Arif & Brothers (hereinafter referred as "AB" or "The Enterprise") based on its financial and other relevant qualitative and quantitative information up-to the date of the rating issuance.

The above rating has been assigned based on the fundamentals of the enterprise which includes:

- Experienced and skilled management
- Good business network
- Satisfactory banking relationship
- Low levered capital structure
- Good interest coverage position
- Positive FFO

However, the above rating has been moderated to some extent due to some factors like:

- Lack of disclosure in the financial statements
- Tight liquidity position considering long cash conversion cycle
- Low management information system (MIS) and Manual accounting system

The SME rating implies that the enterprise is adjudged to above average level of credit worthiness in relation to other small enterprises.

WCRCL also viewed the enterprise with "Stable" outlook and believes that AB will be able to maintain its good fundamentals in the foreseeable future.