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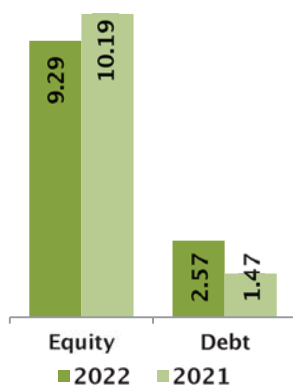
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Key Snapshot:

BDT. in million

Particulars	2022	2021
Revenue	71.13	70.20
EBIT	1.65	1.59
Net Profit	1.53	1.42
Total Assets	11.86	11.65
Total Equity	9.29	10.19
Total debt	2.57	1.47
Net Profit Margin (%)	2.2	2.0
CCC (Days)	26	25
ICR (X)	15.18	9.79

Capital Structure (BDT. in million)



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SME Rating	Rating Notch	Outlook	Date of Declaration	Date of Expiration
	WCRSME3	Stable	17 October 2023	05 November 2024

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

RATING RATIONALE

WCRCL has retained 'WCRSME3' (pronounced as WASO Credit Rating Small and Medium Enterprise Three) rating under the SME Rating to Howlader Store (hereinafter referred as "HS" 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
- Low levered capital structure
- Good liquidity position with short cash conversion cycle
- Comfortable interest coverage position
- Satisfactory banking relationship
- Good mortgage security coverage against loan

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

- Low disclosure in the financial statements
- Small scale in the business
- No insurance coverage for the inventory in stock
- Manual accounting system

The SME rating implies that the enterprise has above average credit quality.

WCRCL also viewed the enterprise with "Stable" outlook and believes that HS will be able to maintain its good fundamentals in the foreseeable future. This rating may be revised in case of any extraordinary changes in line with the sponsor's equity investment, debt obligations, management, business operations and/or changes in any macro and micro factors in the economy.