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SME Rating	Rating Notch	Outlook	Date of Declaration	Date of Expiration
	WCRSME3	Stable	05 December 2023	04 December 2024

Financial Based on-unaudited financial statements up to 31 December 2022.

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

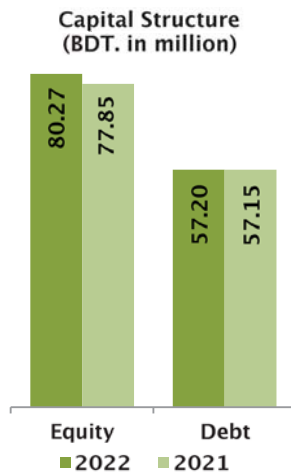
Tk. in million

Bank Name	Mode of Investment	Sanctioned Amount	Outstanding Amount	Date of Outstanding
Uttara Bank PLC	CC (Hypo)	10.00	7.82	25.10.2023

Key Snapshot:

Tk. in million

Particulars	2022	2021
Revenue	158.18	155.37
EBIT	30.57	29.78
Net Profit	25.02	24.33
Total Assets	137.47	135.00
Total Equity	80.27	77.85
Total debt	57.20	57.15
Net Profit Margin (%)	15.8	15.7
CCC (Days)	306	305
ICR (X)	5.77	5.73



RATING RATIONALE

WCRCL has reaffirmed 'WCRSME3' (pronounced as WASO Credit Rating Small and Medium Enterprise Three) rating under the SME Rating to **Asa Bricks Co.** (Hereinafter referred as "ABC" 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
- Satisfactory banking relationship
- Good mortgage security coverage against loan
- Good business network
- Good Net Worth of the Proprietor
- Good interest coverage position
- Low levered capital structure

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

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

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

WCRCL also viewed the enterprise with "Stable" outlook and believes that ABC 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.