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JCR's Financial Indicators by Rating Range 2015

JCR calculated the average financial indicators for each rating category, using financial data of the corporations to which JCR assigns ratings (including 'p' ratings and ratings under Credit Monitor), as a part of objective validation of the adequacy of JCR's ratings. This report is the updated 2015 version of the last "Financial Indicators by Rating Range 2014" released on November 21, 2014. The ratings are determined not only by quantitative but also qualitative assessment, and the consistency in the relationship between the grades of JCR's ratings and the financial indicators has been reaffirmed by these statistical tests, as should be for the base of credit rating. JCR calculates the level of financials as herewith presented for the use to check individual ratings. Since JCR sees other financial indicators, qualitative assessment and prospects for future developments as well in the actual ratings, they do not necessarily match the ratings that are herewith arithmetically assigned, even though the rated corporations may satisfy the level of financial averages given in this report. Nonetheless, JCR releases this report as a part of its efforts to improve its rating transparency.

Time Period for Data Collection

Two time periods are adopted for data collection: "the most recent FY" (from April 2014 to March 2015) and "the most recent 5 FYs" (from April 2010 to March 2015). (The previous two time periods are from April 2013 to March 2014 for the most recent FY and are from April 2009 to March 2014 for the most recent 5 FYs.)

Data Used

Data for Japanese industrial corporations (excluding financial institutions, electric power and gas companies, air transport, agriculture and forestry, fishery, and mining industries) subject to JCR's ratings were used. JCR related the financial indicators to the JCR's ratings that were assigned when 5 months have passed since the end of the fiscal year (for example, FY ended March 2015 referenced to JCR's rating as of August 31, 2015). As a result, the number of corporations subject to data collection from April 2010 to March 2015 totaled 969 for manufacturing industry (190 for the most recent FY) and totaled 841 for non-manufacturing industry (160 for the most recent FY).

(Financial Technology Division)



Table 1: Average Values of Financial Indicators by Rating Range

			Most Des	Manufa ent 5 FYs	cturing Most Re	cent EV	Most Des	Non-Manu	ufacturing Most Re	cent EV
				till FY2013	Most Re FY2014	FY2013	Most Rec till FY2014		Most Re FY2014	FY2013
Number of (Corporations	AAA	0		0	0	15	15	3	3
		AA Range	130	133	25	26	91	94	16	16
		A Range	511	507	105	99	357	335	80	76
		BBB Range	319	335	58	63 2	349	379	57	64
Profitability		BB Range AAA	9	7	2	2	29 20.04	33 19.52	20.13	21.11
Promability		AA Range	8.73	7.25	10.08	7.75	20.04 9.10	8.78	9.35	9.30
		A Range	5.98	5.30	6.40	6.26	7.15	7.00	6.67	7.10
		BBB Range	4.26	3.61	4.76	4.27	5.88	5.59	6.43	6.13
		BB Range	3.20	2.78	4.63	4.14	12.35	10.74	14.87	14.86
	Net Income / Total Capital Employed		-	-	-	-	4.13	3.99	4.36	4.64
		AA Range	3.75	3.23	4.64	4.07	3.10	2.82	3.15	3.52
		A Range	2.94	2.40	3.66	3.61	2.80	2.59	2.86	3.12
		BBB Range BB Range	2.05 0.08	1.54 -0.00	2.51 0.38	2.59 2.42	2.14 1.56	1.98 -0.05	2.52 2.61	2.31 1.38
		AAA	0.06	-0.00	0.36	2.42	8.36	8.29	8.09	8.75
		AA Range	7.20	6.10	8.06	6.47	6.04	5.67	6.02	6.10
		A Range	5.57	5.07	5.77	5.98	5.17	5.02	4.94	5.28
		BBB Range	4.32	3.83	4.43	4.50	4.72	4.65	4.65	4.48
		BB Range	3.08	2.83	3.97	3.49	5.10	5.03	3.66	5.12
Debt		AAA	-	-	-	-	2.00	2.06	1.84	1.87
Service Capacity		AA Range	1.84	2.00	1.69	1.79	3.62	3.91	3.44	4.31
Capacity		A Range	2.91	3.01	3.39	2.71	4.83	5.13	4.29	4.68
		BBB Range BB Range	3.95 4.69	5.30	3.22	3.82	5.73	5.94	5.06 9.99	5.44
		AAA	4.09	5.10	3.44	4.05	9.03 1.85	9.48	9.99	7.48
		AA Range	1.25	- 1.40	1.09	- 1.15	2.85	3.10	2.73	3.41
		A Range	2.07	2.03	2.51	1.93	3.72	4.02	3.23	3.46
		BBB Range	2.43	3.58	1.78	2.30	4.30	4.44	3.91	4.09
		BB Range	2.73	3.02	1.82	2.49	7.23	7.72	7.16	5.71
		AAA	-	-	-	-	2.65	2.78	2.40	2.61
		AA Range	2.65	2.83	2.41	2.41	5.40	5.06	7.76	4.10
		A Range	4.72	4.73	3.67	4.90	6.93	6.94	6.68	6.43
		BBB Range BB Range	7.01 11.15	6.75 13.05	7.15 4.46	5.49 4.61	8.69 10.51	8.77 11.20	7.36 17.57	7.55 14.57
	Net Interest-bearing Debt / Operating			13.05	4.40	4.01	2.45	2.57	2.23	2.43
		AA Range	1.79	2.02	1.51	1.54	4.28	3.97	6.60	3.11
		A Range	3.35	3.37	2.54	3.69	5.78	5.81	5.16	4.95
		BBB Range	4.33	4.24	4.30	3.34	6.74	6.77	5.60	5.45
		BB Range	6.57	7.74	2.45	2.83	8.58	9.08	12.86	12.36
Financial		AAA	-	-	-	-	43.96	42.03	48.02	46.12
Structure		AA Range	53.61	52.54	55.07	54.76	40.49	40.34	41.66	40.18
		A Range	46.36	46.15	48.48	46.73	38.17	37.72	39.03	38.69
		BBB Range BB Range	41.74 36.42	40.75 34.29	44.61 43.83	42.47 42.07	35.33 35.54	35.24 32.35	36.89 32.02	35.78 43.21
		AAA				-	0.81	0.87	0.66	0.71
		AA Range	0.45	0.48	0.42	0.40	0.86	0.88	0.74	0.83
		A Range	0.70	0.72	0.57	0.63	1.04	1.11	0.89	0.92
		BBB Range	0.94	1.00	0.76	0.90	1.43	1.49	1.23	1.31
		BB Range	0.97	1.08	0.59	0.71	2.15	4.20	1.62	1.31
		AAA	-	-	-	-	0.75	0.81	0.61	0.66
		AA Range	0.31	0.34	0.28	0.25	0.69	0.71	0.59	0.67
		A Range	0.52	0.55	0.41	0.46	0.83	0.90	0.67	0.69
		BBB Range BB Range	0.65 0.53	0.70 0.59	0.51 0.29	0.60 0.41	1.13 1.53	1.17 3.30	0.99 1.15	1.04 0.98
		AAA	- 0.00	- 0.59	- 0.29		86.66	86.54	86.98	85.69
	Ratio	AA Range	76.21	77.72	67.76	72.26	66.41	66.86	62.28	63.49
	(0/)	A Range	60.55	59.00	58.86	59.17	59.33	59.86	58.08	59.41
		BBB Range	45.57	42.69	46.08	47.78	53.80	53.37	54.80	53.82
0.		BB Range	3.81	2.97	6.72	5.16	-32.07	-64.81	48.02	51.04
Size		AAA	-		-	-	29,574	28,125	32,286	31,926
		AA Range	8,541	7,749	10,976	9,404	7,227	6,527	9,439	8,196
		A Range	2,691	2,403	3,309 688	3,030 712	2,244	2,071	2,693 857	2,366
		BBB Range BB Range	699 271	706 263	688 299	712 275	658 216	605 178	857 322	773 257
		AAA		- 203	- 299	- 213	9,801	9,759	9,578	10,259
		AA Range	2,074	1,839	2,633	2,133	1,669	1,479	1,975	1,726
		A Range	692	633	731	755	621	559	716	690
		BBB Range	193	195	148	207	157	162	194	173
		BB Range	58	61	49	44	47	51	47	37



Table 2: Calculating Formulas for Financial Indicators

Financial Indicator	Formula					
Operating Income Margin	Operating Income / Net Sales x 100					
Net Income / Total Capital Employed Ratio	Y (Net Income) / A (Total Capital Employed) x 100					
Business Income / Total Capital Employed Ratio	Y (Operating Income + Total Amount of Interest and Dividend Income) / A (Total Capital Employed) x 100					
Interest-bearing Debt / EBITDA Ratio	A (Interest-bearing Debt) / EBITDA					
Net Interest-bearing Debt / EBITDA Ratio	A (Net Interest-bearing Debt) / EBITDA					
Interest-bearing Debt / Operating Cash Flow Ratio	A (Interest-bearing Debt) / Operating Cash Flow					
Net Interest-bearing Debt / Operating Cash Flow Ratio	A (Net Interest-bearing Debt) / Operating Cash Flow					
Equity Ratio	Equity Capital / (Total Assets - New Stock Subscription) x 100					
Debt/ Equity Ratio (Interest-bearing Debt)	Interest-bearing debt / Equity Capital					
Debt/ Equity Ratio (Net Interest-bearing Debt)	Net Interest-bearing debt / Equity Capital					
Earned Surplus / Equity Capital Ratio	Earned Surplus / Equity Capital x 100					
Equity Capital	Net Assets - Share Warrants - Minority Interests					
EBITDA	Operating Income + Total Amount of Interest and Dividend Income + Depreciation Expense					
Total Capital Employed	Total Assets - New Stock Subscription - Treasury Stock + Notes Receivable Discounted + Notes Receivable Endorsed					
Net Interest-bearing Debt	Larger of (Interest-bearing Debt – Cash and Deposits) or Zero					

Notes:

- *1: Y...: In cases where the number of months of a fiscal year is less than 1 year, indicators are annualized.
- *2: A...: Average of the beginning value and ending value.
- *3: In the calculation of the averages, excluded are outliers in the ratios for Interest-bearing Debt / Operating Cash Flow, Net Interest-bearing Debt / Operating Cash Flow, Interest-bearing Debt / EBITDA, and Net Interest-bearing Debt / EBITDA.
- *4: Excluded also are below -3000% figures for Earned Surplus / Equity Capital Ratio in the average calculation.

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