

MIRA INFORM REPORT

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IDENTIFICATION DETAILS

Name :	ASAHI KASEI CORPORATION
Registered Office :	Hibiya Mitsui Tower, 1-1-2 Yurakucho Chiyodaku Tokyo 100-0006
Country :	Japan
Financials (as on) :	31.03.2018
Date of Incorporation :	May, 1931
Com. Reg. No.:	1200-01-059606 (Tokyo-Chiyodaku)
Legal Form :	Limited Company (Kabushiki Kaisha)
Line of Business :	Manufacturer of chemicals, home/construction materials, electronics, health foods
No. of Employees :	7,356

RATING & COMMENTS

(Mira Inform has adopted New Rating mechanism w.e.f. 23rd January 2017)

MIRA's Rating :	A+
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Credit Rating	Explanation	Rating Comments
A+	Low Risk	Business dealings permissible with low risk of default

Maximum Credit Limit :	Yen 69,869.9 Million
Status :	Excellent
Payment Behaviour :	Regular
Litigation :	Clear

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NOTES:

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ECGC Country Risk Classification List

Country Name	Previous Rating (30.06.2018)	Current Rating (30.09.2018)
Japan	A1	A1

Risk Category	ECGC Classification
Insignificant	A1
Low Risk	A2
Moderately Low Risk	B1
Moderate Risk	B2
Moderately High Risk	C1
High Risk	C2
Very High Risk	D

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JAPAN - ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Over the past 70 years, government-industry cooperation, a strong work ethic, mastery of high technology, and a comparatively small defense allocation (slightly less than 1% of GDP) have helped Japan develop an advanced economy. Two notable characteristics of the post-World War II economy were the close interlocking structures of manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors, known as keiretsu, and the guarantee of lifetime employment for a substantial portion of the urban labor force. Both features have significantly eroded under the dual pressures of global competition and domestic demographic change.

Measured on a purchasing power parity basis that adjusts for price differences, Japan in 2017 stood as the fourth-largest economy in the world after first-place China, which surpassed Japan in 2001, and third-place India, which edged out Japan in 2012. For three postwar decades, overall real economic growth was impressive - averaging 10% in the 1960s, 5% in the 1970s, and 4% in the 1980s. Growth slowed markedly in the 1990s, averaging just 1.7%, largely because of the aftereffects of inefficient investment and the collapse of an asset price bubble in the late 1980s, which resulted in several years of economic stagnation as firms sought to reduce excess debt, capital, and labor. Modest economic growth continued after 2000, but the economy has fallen into recession four times since 2008.

Japan enjoyed an uptick in growth since 2013, supported by Prime Minister Shinzo ABE's "Three Arrows" economic revitalization agenda - dubbed "Abenomics" - of monetary easing, "flexible" fiscal policy, and structural reform. Led by the Bank of Japan's aggressive monetary easing, Japan is making modest progress in ending deflation, but demographic decline - a low birthrate and an aging, shrinking population - poses a major long-term challenge for the economy. The government currently faces the quandary of balancing its efforts to stimulate growth and institute economic reforms with the need to address its sizable public debt, which stands at 235% of GDP. To help raise government revenue, Japan adopted legislation in 2012 to gradually raise the consumption tax rate. However, the first such increase, in April 2014, led to a sharp contraction, so Prime Minister ABE has twice postponed the next increase, which is now scheduled for October 2019. Structural reforms to unlock productivity are seen as central to strengthening the economy in the long-run.

Scarce in critical natural resources, Japan has long been dependent on imported energy and raw materials. After the complete shutdown of Japan's nuclear reactors following the earthquake and tsunami disaster in 2011, Japan's industrial sector has become even more dependent than before on imported fossil fuels. However, ABE's government is seeking to restart nuclear power plants that meet strict new safety standards and is emphasizing nuclear energy's importance as a base-load electricity source. In August 2015, Japan successfully restarted one nuclear reactor at the Sendai Nuclear Power Plant in Kagoshima prefecture, and several other reactors around the country have since resumed operations; however, opposition from local governments has delayed several more restarts that remain pending. Reforms of the electricity and gas sectors, including full liberalization of Japan's energy market in April 2016 and gas market in April 2017, constitute an important part of Prime Minister Abe's economic program.

Under the Abe Administration, Japan's government sought to open the country's economy to greater foreign competition and create new export opportunities for Japanese businesses, including by joining 11 trading partners in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). Japan became the first country to ratify the TPP in December 2016, but the United States signaled its withdrawal from the agreement in January 2017. In November 2017 the remaining 11 countries agreed on the core elements of a modified agreement, which they renamed the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). Japan also reached agreement with the European Union on an Economic Partnership Agreement in July 2017, and is likely seek to ratify both agreements in the Diet this year.

Source : CIA

COMPANY NAME AND ADDRESS

ASAHI KASEI CORPORATION

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ACTIVITIES

Mfg of chemicals, home/construction materials, electronics, health foods

BRANCHES

Osaka, Nobeoka, Miyazaki, Fuji, Moriyama, other Tot 7)

OVERSEAS

China, USA, South America, Europe, Asia, Oceania, other (over 20 countries)

FACTORIES

Nobeoka, Mizushima, Kawasaki, Fuji, Moriyama, other (--subsidiary makers)

OFFICES

HIDEKI KOBORI, PRES	Ichiro Ito, ch
Masafumi Nakao, v pres	Shuichi Sakamoto, mgn dir
Nobuyuki Kakizawa, dir	Soichiro Hashizume, dir

Yen Amount: In million Yen, unless otherwise stated

SUMMARY

FINANCES	FAIR	A/SALES	Yen 2,042.216 M
PAYMENTS	REGULAR	CAPITAL	Yen 103,389 M
TREND	STEADY	WORTH	Yen 1,287,378 M
STARTED	1931	EMPLOYES	7,356

COMMENT

COMPRRIHENSIVE CHEMICAL MAKER

FINANCIAL SITUATION COSIDERED FAIR AND GOOD FOR ORDINARY BUSINESS ENGAGEMENTS.

MAX CREDIT LIMIT: YEN 69,869.9 MILLION, 30 DAYS NORMAL TERMS

HIGHLIGHTS

This is the comprehensive chemical maker, originally founded in 1922. As a general chemicals company, the firm is engaged in diversified businesses of production of chemical products mainly in the area of petrochemicals, and textiles as well as a diverse range of business that include housing, construction materials, electronic materials, and the pharmaceuticals and medical products. Became a holding company in 2003. The acquired automatic external defibrillator business in the US is rapidly expanding. Recently focusing on M&A and successively acquired a US maker mfg cardiopulmonary resuscitators and another US maker producing separators for lithium-iron batteries.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The sales volume for Mar/2018 fiscal term amounted to Yen 2,042,216 million, an 8.46% up from Yen 1,882.991 million in the previous term. The recurring profit was posted at Yen 212,544 million and the net profit at Yen 170,248 million, respectively, compared with Yen 160,633 million recurring profit and Yen 115,000 million net profit, respectively, a year ago.

For the current term ending Mar 2019 the recurring profit is projected at Yen 199,000 million and the net profit at Yen 140,000 million, on a 5.52% rise in turnover, to Yen 2,155,000 million.

The financial situation is considered FAIR and good for ORDINARY business engagements. Max credit limit is estimated at Yen 69,869.9 million, on 30 days normal terms.

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REGISTRATION

Date Registered: May 1931
Regd No.: 1200-01-059606 (Tokyo-Chiyodaku)
Legal Status: Limited Company (Kabushiki Kaisha)
Authorized: 4,000 million shares
Issued: 1,402,616,332 shares
Sum: Yen 103,389 million

Major shareholders (%): JP Morgan Chase Bank 380055 (7.8), Master Trust Bank of Japan T (5.4), Nippon Life Ins (4.6), Japan Trustee Services T (3.8), SMBC (2.5), Employees' S/Holding Assn (2.3), Japan Trustee Services T9 (1.7), Japan Trustee Services T7 (1.4), State Street Bank West Tr. 505234 (1.4); foreign owners (37.6)

No. of shareholders: 53,925

Listed on the S/Exchange (s) of: Tokyo

Nothing detrimental is known as to the commercial morality of executives.

Related companies: Asahi Kasei Chemicals, Asahi Kasei Homes, Asahi Kasei Electronics. others

OPERATION

Activities: Comprehensive chemical mfg firm: chemicals & fibers (52%), housing & materials (33%), pharmaceuticals & medical lines (14%), others (1%).

Overseas Sales Ratio (35%)

Clients: [Mfrs, wholesalers] Itochu Corp, Mitsubishi Corp, Mitsui & Co, Marubeni Corp, Chori Co, Ozu Corp, Sankyo Seiko Co & Group firms, Teijin Frontier, Ibiden Co, other
Imports from China, other
No. of accounts: 800
Domestic areas of activities: Nationwide

Suppliers: [Mfrs, wholesalers] Tonen General Sekiyu KK, Mitsubishi Corp, JX Nippon Oil & Energy Corp, Itochu Corp, Sojitz Corp, Marubeni Corp, Mitsui & Co, Seiren Co, other

Payment record: Regular

Location: Business area in Tokyo. Office premises at the caption address are leased and maintained satisfactorily.

Bank References:

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SMBC (Osaka H/O)
MUFG (Osaka)
Relations: Satisfactory

FINANCES

(In Million Yen)

Terms Ending:	31/03/2019	31/03/2018	31/03/2017	31/03/2016
Annual Sales	2,155,000	2,042,216	1,882,991	1,940,914
Recur. Profit	199,000	212,544	160,633	161,370
Net Profit	140,000	170,248	115,000	91,754
Total Assets		2,316,237	2,254,500	2,211,749
Current Assets		958,978	894,545	856,018
Current Liabs		589,146	594,880	725,662
Net Worth		1,287,387	1,151,344	1,041,904
Capital, Paid-Up		103,389	103,389	103,389
Div.P.Share(¥)		28.00	24.00	20.00
<Analytical Data>	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
S.Growth Rate	5.52	8.46	-2.98	-2.29
Current Ratio	..	162.77	150.37	117.96
N.Worth Ratio	..	55.58	51.07	47.11
R.Profit/Sales	9.23	10.41	8.53	8.31
N.Profit/Sales	6.50	8.34	6.11	4.73
Return On Equity	..	13.22	9.99	8.81

Forecast (or estimated) figures for the 31/03/2019 fiscal term.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Unit	Indian Rupees
US Dollar	1	INR 71.67
UK Pound	1	INR 90.20
Euro	1	INR 81.07
Yen	1	INR 0.63

Note: Above are approximate rates obtained from sources believed to be correct

INFORMATION DETAILS

Analysis Done by :	VIV
Report Prepared by :	NIT

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RATING EXPLANATIONS

Credit Rating	Explanation	Rating Comments
A++	Minimum Risk	Business dealings permissible with minimum risk of default
A+	Low Risk	Business dealings permissible with low risk of default
A	Acceptable Risk	Business dealings permissible with moderate risk of default
B	Medium Risk	Business dealings permissible on a regular monitoring basis
C	Medium High Risk	Business dealings permissible preferably on secured basis
D	High Risk	Business dealing not recommended or on secured terms only
NB	New Business	No recommendation can be done due to business in infancy stage
NT	No Trace	No recommendation can be done as the business is not traceable

NB is stated where there is insufficient information to facilitate rating. However, it is not to be considered as unfavourable.

This score serves as a reference to assess SC's credit risk and to set the amount of credit to be extended. It is calculated from a composite of weighted scores obtained from each of the major sections of this report. The assessed factors are as follows:

- Financial condition covering various ratios
- Company background and operations size
- Promoters / Management background
- Payment record
- Litigation against the subject
- Industry scenario / competitor analysis
- Supplier / Customer / Banker review (wherever available)