

## MIRA INFORM REPORT

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### IDENTIFICATION DETAILS

<b>Name :</b>	SME CONSOLIDATED LTD.
<b>Registered Office :</b>	874 Walker Rd Ste C, Dover, Kent, De, 19904
<b>Country :</b>	United States
<b>Financials (as on) :</b>	2017 [Summarized]
<b>Date of Incorporation :</b>	05.05.1993
<b>Legal Form :</b>	Corporation
<b>Line of Business :</b>	Wholesale distribution of ladies' handbags and other leather accessories.
<b>No. of Employees :</b>	22

### RATING & COMMENTS

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

<b>MIRA's Rating :</b>	A
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Credit Rating	Explanation	Rating Comments
A	Acceptable Risk	Business dealings permissible with moderate risk of default

<b>Status :</b>	Satisfactory
<b>Payment Behaviour :</b>	Slow but Correct
<b>Litigation :</b>	Clear

#### NOTES :

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**ECGC Country Risk Classification List**

Country Name	Previous Rating (30.06.2018)	Current Rating (30.09.2018)
United States	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

**UNITED STATES - ECONOMIC OVERVIEW**

The US has the most technologically powerful economy in the world, with a per capita GDP of \$59,500. US firms are at or near the forefront in technological advances, especially in computers, pharmaceuticals, and medical, aerospace, and military equipment; however, their advantage has narrowed since the end of World War II. Based on a comparison of GDP measured at purchasing power parity conversion rates, the US economy in 2014, having stood as the largest in the world for more than a century, slipped into second place behind China, which has more than tripled the US growth rate for each year of the past four decades.

In the US, private individuals and business firms make most of the decisions, and the federal and state governments buy needed goods and services predominantly in the private marketplace. US business firms enjoy greater flexibility than their counterparts in Western Europe and Japan in decisions to expand capital plant, to lay off surplus workers, and to develop new products. At the same time, businesses face higher barriers to enter their rivals' home markets than foreign firms face entering US markets.

Long-term problems for the US include stagnation of wages for lower-income families, inadequate investment in deteriorating infrastructure, rapidly rising medical and pension costs of an aging population, energy shortages, and sizable current account and budget deficits.

The onrush of technology has been a driving factor in the gradual development of a "two-tier" labor market in which those at the bottom lack the education and the professional/technical skills of those at the top and, more and more, fail to get comparable pay raises, health insurance coverage, and other benefits. But the globalization of trade, and especially the rise of low-wage producers such as China, has put additional downward pressure on wages and upward pressure on the return to capital. Since 1975, practically all the gains in household income have gone to the top 20% of households. Since 1996, dividends and capital gains have grown faster than wages or any other category of after-tax income.

Imported oil accounts for more than 50% of US consumption and oil has a major impact on the overall health of the economy. Crude oil prices doubled between 2001 and 2006, the year home prices peaked; higher gasoline prices ate into consumers' budgets and many individuals fell behind in their mortgage payments. Oil prices climbed another 50% between 2006 and 2008, and bank foreclosures more than doubled in the same period. Besides dampening the housing market, soaring oil prices caused a drop in the value of the dollar and a deterioration in the US merchandise trade deficit, which peaked at \$840 billion in 2008. Because the US economy is energy-intensive, falling oil prices since 2013 have alleviated many of the problems the earlier increases had created.

The sub-prime mortgage crisis, falling home prices, investment bank failures, tight credit, and the global economic downturn pushed the US into a recession by mid-2008. GDP contracted until the third quarter of 2009, the deepest and longest downturn since the Great Depression. To help stabilize financial markets, the US Congress established a \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program in October 2008. The government used some of these funds to purchase equity in US banks and industrial corporations, much of which had been returned to the government by early 2011. In January 2009, Congress passed and former President Barack OBAMA signed a bill providing an additional \$787 billion fiscal stimulus to be used over 10 years - two-thirds on additional spending and one-third on tax cuts - to create jobs and to help the economy recover. In 2010 and 2011, the federal budget deficit reached nearly 9% of GDP. In 2012, the Federal Government reduced the growth of spending and the deficit shrank to 7.6% of GDP. US revenues from taxes and other sources are lower, as a percentage of GDP, than those of most other countries.

Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan required major shifts in national resources from civilian to military purposes and contributed to the growth of the budget deficit and public debt. Through FY 2018, the direct costs of the wars will have totaled more than \$1.9 trillion, according to US Government figures.

In March 2010, former President OBAMA signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), a health insurance reform that was designed to extend coverage to an additional 32 million Americans by 2016,

through private health insurance for the general population and Medicaid for the impoverished. Total spending on healthcare - public plus private - rose from 9.0% of GDP in 1980 to 17.9% in 2010.

In July 2010, the former president signed the DODD-FRANK Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, a law designed to promote financial stability by protecting consumers from financial abuses, ending taxpayer bailouts of financial firms, dealing with troubled banks that are "too big to fail," and improving accountability and transparency in the financial system - in particular, by requiring certain financial derivatives to be traded in markets that are subject to government regulation and oversight.

The Federal Reserve Board (Fed) announced plans in December 2012 to purchase \$85 billion per month of mortgage-backed and Treasury securities in an effort to hold down long-term interest rates, and to keep short-term rates near zero until unemployment dropped below 6.5% or inflation rose above 2.5%. The Fed ended its purchases during the summer of 2014, after the unemployment rate dropped to 6.2%, inflation stood at 1.7%, and public debt fell below 74% of GDP. In December 2015, the Fed raised its target for the benchmark federal funds rate by 0.25%, the first increase since the recession began. With continued low growth, the Fed opted to raise rates several times since then, and in December 2017, the target rate stood at 1.5%.

In December 2017, Congress passed and President Donald TRUMP signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which, among its various provisions, reduces the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%; lowers the individual tax rate for those with the highest incomes from 39.6% to 37%, and by lesser percentages for those at lower income levels; changes many deductions and credits used to calculate taxable income; and eliminates in 2019 the penalty imposed on taxpayers who do not obtain the minimum amount of health insurance required under the ACA. The new taxes took effect on 1 January 2018; the tax cut for corporations are permanent, but those for individuals are scheduled to expire after 2025. The Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) under the Congressional Budget Office estimates that the new law will reduce tax revenues and increase the federal deficit by about \$1.45 trillion over the 2018-2027 period. This amount would decline if economic growth were to exceed the JCT's estimate.

Source : CIA

## **STATUTORY INFORMATION**

Legal Name	SME CONSOLIDATED LTD.
Trade Name	SME CONSOLIDATED LTD.
ID	ID
ID Details	2335162
Creation Date	1993
Incorporation Date	5/5/1993
Legal Address	874 WALKER RD STE C, DOVER, KENT, DE, 19904 USA
Operative Address	250 PASSAIC ST NEWARK, NJ, 07104-3700 United States
Telephone	212-686-4666
Fax	212-686-4279
Legal Form	CORPORATION
E-Mail	hr@beteshgroup.com
Registered In	DELAWARE
Website	www.beteshgroup.com/sme/
Contact	Elliot Betesh, President
Staff	22
Activity	NAICS Code: 448320, Luggage and Leather Goods Stores

## **BANKS**

Name of Bank	Reported Amount
BANK OF AMERICA	

## **HISTORY**

History	Sme Consolidated Ltd was founded in 1993.
Key Developments	<b>Licensee Recovers Substantial Damages in Dispute With Camuto Consulting, Inc. January 18, 2012</b>

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--SME Consolidated, Ltd., part of the Betesh Group, is pleased to announce that it has prevailed in its dispute with Camuto Consulting, Inc. regarding Camuto's termination of the license previously held by SME to manufacture and sell VINCE CAMUTO-brand leather handbags. In early March 2011, Camuto purported to terminate SME's license. SME asserted claims against Camuto

**Parent Company**

for wrongful termination of the license and sought damages, while Camuto counterclaimed for breach and sought damages against SME. All claims and counterclaims were thereafter submitted to arbitration. On December 7, 2011, the arbitrator ruled in favor of SME, holding that the handbags SME manufactured were of high quality and satisfied SME's obligations under the license agreement, and that Camuto had breached its contract with SME when it terminated the license. The arbitrator granted SME significant damages and concluded SME could recover all of its reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and costs as the prevailing party in the arbitration. The arbitrator also denied Camuto's counterclaims in their entirety.

The company operates as a subsidiary of:  
The Betesh Group, Inc.  
250 Passaic Street  
Newark, NJ 07104  
United States

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**

**General Description**

SME CONSOLIDATED LTD. is dedicated to the wholesale distribution of ladies' handbags and other leather accessories.

**Service/Product Description**

The company offers belts, wallets, sport bags, backpacks, tote bags, carry-on bags, handbags, luggage, barrel bags, coffee station equipment, accessories for coffee makers, key chains made of leather, coin purses made of leather and more.

**Sales**

Wholesale

**Operations Area**

National

**Imports From**

CHINA

**Employees**

22 employees

**Payments with Suppliers**

Slow but correct

**BRANDS**

**Brand**

**Comments**

SME Consolidated  
SLOANE & ALEX  
GENERATION SPORT  
MIND READER  
GEMINI RISING  
DRY PAINT  
CONROE

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Name of Client	Country	Comments
There are no informed clients		
<b>Comments</b>	-	

**SUPPLIERS**

Supplier Name	Country	Comments
CHANGXING XINGREN IMP.&EXP. CO., LTD	CHINA	-
JIANGXI BEAUTY LEATHERWEAR CO., LTD.	CHINA	-
Jiangyin Youlite Intelligent Houseware Co., Ltd.	CHINA	-
FUZHOU RICHES HOME&GARDEN CO.,LTD	CHINA	-
<b>Comments</b>	-	

**LOCATION**

<b>Headquarters</b>	250 PASSAIC ST NEWARK, NJ, 07104-3700 United States
<b>Branches</b>	1 East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016 USA

**GROUP STRUCTURE AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES**

<b>Listed at the stock exchange</b>	NO
<b>Capital</b>	NA
<b>Shareholders (%)</b>	The company does not disclose information on shareholders. The following information has been provided by private sources and could not be confirmed: The company operates as a subsidiary of: The Betesh Group, Inc. 250 Passaic Street Newark, NJ 07104 United States
<b>Management</b>	Elliot Betesh, President Michael Betesh, Vice President
<b>Subsidiary Companies</b>	No subsidiary companies were found.
<b>Related Companies</b>	BananaFish, Inc. 250 Passaic Street

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Newark, NJ 07104  
United States

Baby Boom Consumer Products, Inc.  
1 East 33rd Street  
Floor 10  
New York, NY 10016-5011  
United States

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **General Description**

The company does not make its financial statements public. The following information has been provided by private sources:

### **Year/Currency**

USD 2017

### **Sales**

2.700.000

### **Money Flow**

Normal

**IMPORT FOB DOLLAR**

### **Year**

### **Amount**

There are not Import Fob Dollar informed

**EXPORT FOB DOLLAR**

### **Year**

### **Amount**

There are not Export Fob Dollar informed

## **LEGAL FILINGS**

### **Lawsuits**

SME Consolidated, Ltd. v. Taurus Forwarders Pvt. Ltd.  
et al

Filed: November 9, 2018 as 1:2018cv10463

Defendant: Evergreen Marine (UK) Ltd., Taurus Forwarders Pvt. Ltd.

Plaintiff: SME CONSOLIDATED, LTD.

Cause Of Action: Admiralty

Court: Second Circuit › New York › New York Southern District Court

Type: Contract › Contract: Marine

SLOANE & ALEX

Belts

Owned by: SME CONSOLIDATED LTD.

Serial Number: 85325653

### **Trademarks**

GENERATION SPORT

all purpose sport bags, backpacks, tote bags, carry-on bags, handbags, luggage, and barrel bags  
Owned by: SME CONSOLIDATED LTD.  
Serial Number: 74487880

**MIND READER**  
coffee station equipment and accessories for coffee makers  
Owned by: SME CONSOLIDATED LTD.  
Serial Number: 85467870

**GEMINI RISING**  
Handbags; Wallets  
Owned by: SME CONSOLIDATED LTD.  
Serial Number: 85688007

**DRY PAINT**  
Belts  
Owned by: SME CONSOLIDATED LTD.  
Serial Number: 85611583

**CONROE**  
bags; wallets made of leather; key chains made of leather; coin purses made of leather  
Owned by: SME CONSOLIDATED LTD.  
Serial Number: 78526911

**MIND READER**  
Coffee station equipment and accessories for coffee makers for domestic and commercial use, namely display racks made primarily...  
Owned by: SME Consolidated Ltd.  
Serial Number: 85978932  
No found.  
No records found.  
No records found.  
The company is not listed in the OFAC Sanctions List.

Patents Registered  
Renewals  
UCC (Uniform Commercial Code)  
OFAC Sanctions List Search

## **SUMMARY**

### **Summary**

Founded in 1993, SME CONSOLIDATED LTD. is an organization in the Luggage and Leather Goods Stores Industry headquartered in Newark, NJ. The company has 22 regular employees and generates an estimated USD\$2.7 million in annual revenue. It operates nationally, mainly importing from China. It is ACTIVE in business with no negative records.

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## **RISK INFORMATION**

Debts  
Payments  
Cash Flow  
State

Controlled  
Slow but correct  
Normal  
Active

## **INTERVIEW**

First Name  
Position  
Comments

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The person contacted confirmed the name of the company and the address of the headquarters but was reluctant to provide further information without knowing the name of the company that had required it.

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES**

Currency	Unit	Indian Rupees
US Dollar	1	INR 70.28
UK Pound	1	INR 88.85
Euro	1	INR 80.05
USD	1	INR 70.14

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

**INFORMATION DETAILS**

<b>Analysis Done by :</b>	PRI
<b>Report Prepared by :</b>	SYL

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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)