

MIRA INFORM REPORT

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IDENTIFICATION DETAILS

Name :	ASCEND PERFORMANCE MATERIALS INC.
Registered Office :	251 Little Falls Drive, Wilmington, New Castle, DE, 19808
Country :	United States
Financials (as on) :	2017 (Summarized)
Date of Incorporation :	03.01.2012
Legal Form :	Corporation
Line of Business :	Subject produces nylon resins and fibers.
No. of Employees :	11

RATING & COMMENTS

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

MIRA's Rating :	B
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Credit Rating	Explanation	Rating Comments
B	Medium Risk	Business dealings permissible on a regular monitoring basis

Status :	Moderate
Payment Behaviour :	Slow
Litigation :	Exist

NOTES :

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ECGC Country Risk Classification List

Country Name	Previous Rating (31.12.2017)	Current Rating (01.04.2018)
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

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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	ASCEND PERFORMANCE MATERIALS INC.
Trade Name	ASCEND PERFORMANCE MATERIALS INC.
ID	ID
ID Details	5090214
Creation Date	2012
Incorporation Date	1/3/2012
Legal Address	251 LITTLE FALLS DRIVE, WILMINGTON, NEW CASTLE, DE, 19808, USA
Operative Address	1010 TRAVIS ST STE 900 HOUSTON, TX 77002- 5928, USA
Telephone	1-713-315-5700
Fax	1-864-942-4726
Legal Form	CORPORATION
E-Mail	-
Registered In	DELAWARE
Website	www.ascendmaterials.com
Contact	Phil McDivitt - President & CEO
Staff	11
Activity	NAICS Code 325211 Plastics Material and Resin Manufacturing

BANKS

Name of Bank	Reported Amount
BANK OF AMERICA	

HISTORY

History	ASCEND PERFORMANCE MATERIALS INC. was founded in 2012.
Key Developments	NA
Parent Company	The company operates as a subsidiary of: Sk Capital Partners II, L.P. 400 Park Avenue Suite 820 New York, NY 10022 United States

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PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

General Description	Ascend Performance Materials LLC produces nylon resins and fibers.
Service/Product Description	The Company offers basic and intermediate nylon chemicals, including polymers and plastics, carpet fibers, intermediate chemicals, and industrial fiber products.
Sales	Wholesale
Operations Area	National and International
Imports From	No import records were found.
Export To	MEXICO, JAPAN, CHINA
Employees	11 EMPLOYEES
Payments with Suppliers	Slow
Brands	
Brand	Comments
ASCEND	-

Clients	Country	Comments
Name of Client		
QUIMICA APOLLO SA DE CV	MEXICO	-
Basf Mexicana S.A. De C.V.	MEXICO	-
Promaplast Resinas Sa De Cv	MEXICO	-
Ascend Performance Materials Japan	JAPAN	-
AMPLE KING INDUSTRIAL LTD.	CHINA	-

Comments: The markets served include, Fuels, Water treatment, Agrochemicals, Animal Nutrition, Oil and Gas, Solvents & Cleaning, Coatings and Road construction.

Suppliers	Country	Comments
Supplier Name		
There are no informed suppliers		
Comments		-

LOCATION

Headquarters	1010 TRAVIS ST STE 900 HOUSTON, TX 77002-5928, USA
Branches	No branches found.

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GROUP STRUCTURE AND SUBDIARY COMPANIES

Listed at the stock exchange	NO
Capital	NA
Shareholders (%)	The company does not disclose information on shareholders. The following information has been provided by private sources: The company operates as a subsidiary of: Sk Capital Partners II, L.P. 400 Park Avenue Suite 820 New York, NY 10022 United States
Management	Phil McDivitt - President & CEO Barry Siadat - Chairman of the Board Scott Rook - Senior Vice President Nylon John Ferguson - Global Business Director Gustavo Nechar - VP/Chief Human Resources Ofcr Nicki Britton - Global Communications Manager Bill Dunne - Director of Aircraft Maintenance
Subsidiary Companies	No subsidiary companies were found.
Related Companies	Ascend Performance Materials SPRL Watson & Crick Hill Park Rue Granbonpré 11 – Bâtiment H B-1435 Mont-Saint-Guibert, Belgium Ascend Performance Materials (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. Unit 3602, Raffles City Office Towers 268 Xi Zang Road (M) Shanghai 200001, China

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	1.800.000
Money Flow	Normal
Import Fob Dollar	

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Year	Amount
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There are not Import Fob Dollar informed

Export Fob Dollar

Year	Amount
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There are not Export Fob Dollar informed

LEGAL FILINGS

Lawsuits

Horton v. Norfolk Southern Railway Comapny Inc et al
Filed: January 24, 2018 as 5:2018cv00122

Plaintiff: Raymond Thomas Horton

Defendant: Norfolk Southern Railway Company Inc,
Ascend Performance Materials Inc , Ascend
Performance Holdings Inc and others

Cause Of Action: Railways: Fed. Employer's Liability
Act

Court: Eleventh Circuit › Alabama › Alabama Northern
District Court

Type: Torts - Injury › Federal Employers Liability

No records found.

Trademarks

Patents Registered

No records found.

Renewals

No records found.

UCC (Uniform Commercial Code)

No records found.

OFAC Sanctions List Search

The company is not listed in the OFAC Sanctions List.

SUMMARY

Summary

Founded in 2012, ASCEND PERFORMANCE MATERIALS INC. is an organization in the Plastics Material and Resin Manufacturing Industry headquartered in Houston, TX. The company has 11 regular employees and generates an estimated \$1.8 million USD in annual revenue. It operates nationally and internationally, mainly exporting to Mexico, Japan and China. The company is active in business with a MEDIUM credit risk.

RISK INFORMATION

Debts	Controlled
Payments	Slow
Cash Flow	Normal
State	Active

INTERVIEW

First Name	-
Position	Receptionist
Comments	She confirmed the name of the company and the address of the headquarters. She was reluctant to provide her name or further information.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Unit	Indian Rupees
US Dollar	1	INR 71.19
UK Pound	1	INR 91.46
Euro	1	INR 82.49
US Dollar	1	INR 71.54

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

INFORMATION DETAILS

Analysis Done by :	NIS
Report Prepared by :	TRU

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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)