

MIRA INFORM REPORT

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IDENTIFICATION DETAILS

Name :	PARAG DIAMONDS INC.
Registered Office :	36 West 44th Street Ste 801 New York, New York, 10036
Country :	United States
Financials (as on) :	2017 (Summarized)
Date of Incorporation :	1978
Legal Form :	Corporation
Line of Business :	Subject is dedicated to the wholesale of jewellery and loose diamonds
No. of Employees :	8

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	Acceptable Risk	Business dealings permissible with moderate risk of default

Status :	Satisfactory
Payment Behaviour :	No Complaints
Litigation :	Exist

NOTES :

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ECGC Country Risk Classification List

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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

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	PARAG DIAMONDS INC.
Trade Name	PARAMOUNT GEMS
ID	ID
ID Details	736417
Creation Date	1978
Incorporation Date	NOVEMBER 24, 1981
Legal Address	36 WEST 44TH STREET STE 801 NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 10036, USA
Operative Address	36 WEST 44TH STREET STE 801 NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 10036, USA
Telephone	(212) 221-1520
Fax	(212) 302-6478
Legal Form	CORPORATION
E-Mail	INFO@PARAMOUNTGEMS.COM
Registered In	NEW YORK
Website	www.paramountgems.com
Contact	PANNA L JAIN - Chief Executive Officer
Staff	8
Activity	SIC Code 5094 Jewelry, Watches, Precious Stones, and Precious Metals

BANKS

Name of Bank	Reported Amount
BANK OF AMERICA	
ALMA DIAMONDS INC.	

HISTORY

History

Paramount Gems is a 7th-generation family-owned diamond and jewellery business that has established a strong base in New York since 1978 and has been expanding internationally ever since, with offices in Hong Kong, Canada, Pune and Mumbai.

Key Developments

Parag Diamonds Wins A. Jaffe Bankruptcy Auction May 8, 2018

Parag Diamonds was the winning bidder in the A. Jaffe bankruptcy auction, held May 3 in New York City, according to a notice of results filed in New York federal court.

Parag Diamonds Wins A. Jaffe Bankruptcy Auction May 8, 2018 by ROB BATES

Parag Diamonds was the winning bidder in the A. Jaffe bankruptcy auction, held May 3 in New York City, according to a notice of results filed in New York federal court.

No price or other details were provided.

Flourish City Holdings Ltd. was determined to be the backup bidder.

The auction of the 126-year-old company's assets, which went forward without the customary "stalking horse" bidder, attracted four qualified bidders and went through several rounds of bids, the notice said.

The auctions of two related companies, Firestar Diamond and Fantasy Inc., were originally also supposed to take place on May 3. However, on May 1, those two auctions were adjourned to a date "to be determined."

Parag Diamonds, which is also known as Paramount Gems, is a seventh-generation diamond company that has been based in New York City since 1978. The company did not return a phone call from JCK by press time.

A. Jaffe's Chapter 11 filing included subsidiary companies Sandberg & Sikorski Corp., Firestar Fine Jewelry, and Preferred 105.

Parent Company

A spokesperson for the jewelry brand tells JCK that it plans to issue a statement on the purchase later in the week but could not comment at this time.
NA

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

General Description

PARAG DIAMONDS INC. is dedicated to the wholesale of jewellery and loose diamonds.

Service/Product Description

The company offers Tennis Bracelets, Earring Jackets, Hoop Earrings, Stud Earrings, Collar Necklaces, Pendant Necklaces, Engagement Rings, Wedding Bands and Loose Diamonds.

Sales

Wholesale

Operations Area

National and International

Imports From

INDIA, CHINA, BAHAMAS
(Diamonds are mostly shipped via air. In the USA, Customs only releases the ocean freight data.)
MEXICO

Export To

Employees

8 employees

Payments with Suppliers

No Complaints

Brand

BRANDS

Comments

PARAMOUNT GEMS

-

Name of Client

CLIENTS

Country

Comments

ESMERALDA CASA DE JOYAS
SA DE CV

MEXICO

-

Comments

-

Supplier Name

SUPPLIERS

Country

Comments

GOPAL GEMS

INDIA

-

JIA JIE XING GROUP CO., LTD.

CHINA

-

NCL (BAHAMAS) LTD.	BAHAMAS	-
Comments	-	

LOCATION

Headquarters	36 WEST 44TH STREET STE 801 NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 10036, USA
Branches	No branches found.

GROUP STRUCTURE AND SUBDIARY COMPANIES

Listed at the stock exchange	NO
Capital	NA
Shareholders (%)	The company does not disclose information on shareholders. We were not able to confirm major holders.
Management	PANNA L JAIN - Chief Executive Officer Reema Jain - Marketing and Technical Manager Rajni Jain - Principal Dimple Ruparel - Accounts receivable accountant
Subsidiary Companies	No subsidiary companies were found.
Related Companies	The company has offices in Hong Kong, Canada, Pune and Mumbai.

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	2.600.000
Money Flow	Normal

IMPORT FOB DOLLAR

Year	Amount
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There are not Import Fob Dollar informed

EXPORT FOB DOLLAR

Year

Amount

There are not Export Fob Dollar informed

LEGAL FILINGS

Lawsuits

Gulati v. Parag Diamonds, Inc. et al
Filed: May 7, 2009 as 1:2009cv04413
Plaintiff: Ajay Gulati
Defendant: Parag Diamonds, Inc., Paramount Gems
Trading, Inc.
Cause Of Action: Fair Labor Standards Act
Court: Second Circuit › New York › New York Southern
District Court
Type: Labor › None

Trademarks

PG
jewelry
Owned by: Parag Diamonds, Inc.
Serial Number: 75458935

IDEAL BLUE
Diamonds and jewelry comprising diamonds
Owned by: Parag Diamonds, Inc.
Serial Number: 85521111

PG
Jewelry
Owned by: PARAG DIAMONDS, INC.
Serial Number: 86122858
No records found.

Patents Registered

Renewals

UCC (Uniform Commercial Code)

Filing Date Name Type Entity Name
NOV 24, 1981 Actual PARAG DIAMONDS INC.
Debtor Names: PARAG DIAMONDS INC.
36 W 44TH ST STE 801, NEW YORK, NY 10036, USA
Secured Party Names: ALMA DIAMONDS INC.
579, FIFTH AVE, SUITE # 600, NEW YORK, NY, USA
File no. File Date Lapse Date Filing Type
200906038191249 06/03/2009 06/03/2014 Financing
Statement
200906228215215 06/22/2009 06/03/2014 Termination
The company is not listed in the OFAC Sanctions List.

OFAC Sanctions List Search

SUMMARY

Summary

Founded in 1978, PARAMOUNT GEMS is an organization in the Jewelry, Watches, Precious Stones, and Precious Metals Industry headquartered in New York, NY. The company has 8 regular employees and generates an estimated \$2.6 million USD in annual revenue. It operates nationally and internationally, mainly exporting to Mexico. It is ACTIVE in business with no negative records.

RISK INFORMATION

Debts	Controlled
Payments	No Complaints
Cash Flow	Normal
State	Active

INTERVIEW

First Name	Parag
Position	-
Comments	He confirmed the name of the company, the address of the headquarters and location, the date of creation of the company, the company's website and email, the number of employees and the name of the Chief Executive Officer.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Unit	Indian Rupee
US Dollar	1	INR 71.92
UK Pound	1	INR 92.8
Euro	1	INR 83.60
USD	1	INR 71.86

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

INFORMATION DETAILS

Analysis Done by :	NIY
Report Prepared by :	KET

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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)