

HIGH RISK REPORT SCHMOLZ + BICKENBACH AG

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CreditRiskMonitor's assessment of Schmolz + Bickenbach AG's ("Schmolz + Bickenbach") "high risk" status has been determined by a combination of factors:

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MONTHLY AVERAGE FRISK® SCORE

CreditRiskMonitor's proprietary FRISK® score signals that Schmolz + Bickenbach AG (SIX: STLN) has a 10 to 50 times greater risk of bankruptcy than the average public company.

		18		2019									
Business Name	N	D	J	F	M	Α	M	J	J	Α	S	0	N
Schmolz + Bickenbach AG	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1

The FRISK® score is 96% accurate* in predicting the risk of corporate failure/bankruptcy over a 12-month horizon.

All FRISK® scores are recalculated every night for each subsequent 12-month period.

	FRISK® Pr	obability of bankru	ptcy within 12 months
	IKIOK	From	То
Best	10	0.00%	0.12%
	9	0.12%	0.27%
	8	0.27%	0.34%
	7	0.34%	0.55%
	6	0.55%	0.87%
	5	0.87%	1.40%
	4	1.40%	2.10%
	3	2.10%	4.00%
	2	4.00%	9.99%
Worst	1	9.99%	50.00%

While the percentage risk of bankruptcy varies at each FRISK® score, 96% of public companies that eventually go bankrupt enter the FRISK® "red zone" prior to filing. A FRISK® score of 5 or less is an important warning sign.

^{*} FRISK® score accuracy of 96% is based on backtesting of U.S. public companies; results may vary by country.

THE FRISK® SCORE COMPONENTS

At the core of the CreditRiskMonitor process is our 96% accurate FRISK® score, which indicates a company's level of financial stress on a scale of 1 to 10, based on the probability of bankruptcy over a 12-month horizon. When available, the FRISK® score incorporates a number of powerful risk indicators including:

A "Merton" type model using stock market capitalization and volatility Financial ratios, including those used in the Altman Z"-Score Model

Bond agency ratings from Moody's, Fitch, & DBRS

Crowdsourced CreditRiskMonitor Usage Data

<u>Crowdsourcing</u> has enhanced the accuracy and timeliness of the FRISK® score. We collect and analyze data patterns from thousands of CreditRiskMonitor subscribers, including professionals from more than 35% of the Fortune 1000 and other large corporations worldwide.

The crowdsourcing advantage is even more powerful in our FRISK® score since many of the professionals who use our service are credit managers:

- Credit managers control one of the largest sources of working capital going into a company
- They are not held to the same "Fair Disclosure" restrictions that prevent nondisclosed information sharing on public companies
- Credit managers use a variety of non-public information sources such as their own company's management and sales representatives to be alerted to concerns in a public company's performance
- It is commonly known credit managers confidentially share information with other credit managers, thus collectively, their behavior helps to provide advanced insight to financial problems in public companies

Read more in Credit Research Foundation's quarterly journal article, "Assessing Public Company Financial Risk by Crowdsourcing the Research of Credit Professionals"

COMPANY REPORT DETAIL

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Latest Financial Statements as of 6/30/2019

Business Summary

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Schmolz + Bickenbach AG, formerly Swiss Steel AG, is a Switzerland-based manufacturer of tool steel and non-corrosive long steel, as well as alloyed and high-alloyed constructional steel. The Company operates through two business segments: Production and Sales and Services. The Production segment specializes in the production of tool steel, stainless steel, engineering steel, bright steel and other specialty products, and encompasses the business units Deutsche Edestahlwerke, Finkl Steel, Steeltec Group, Swiss Steel and Ugitech. The Sales and Services segment comprises the distribution and service activities of the Company. The Company operates in Europe, the Americas, Africa, Asia and Australia.

Employees: 10,415 (as of 6/30/2019)

Incorporated: 9/20/1887

Credit Score History

Why are these scores different? FRISK® Score Analysis

		20	18		2019										
	Score/ Index	N	D	J	F	M	Α	M	J	J	Α	S	0	N	
1	FRISK® Score*	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	١
١	DBT Index	8	8	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	8	9	8	DBT	,
	Z"-Score	3.	27		2.4	В		2.29)	:	2.12	2	Z"	Z"	

*FRISK® Scores are month-end

Agency Credit Ratings

 Probability of bankruptcy within 12 months is 10% to 50%.

Ticker: STLN

- Trade payments are prompt, "cloaking" the risk.
- Bonds are rated as non-investment grade ("junk").
- Market Capitalization has declined by 61% over the last 12 month
- Total Links

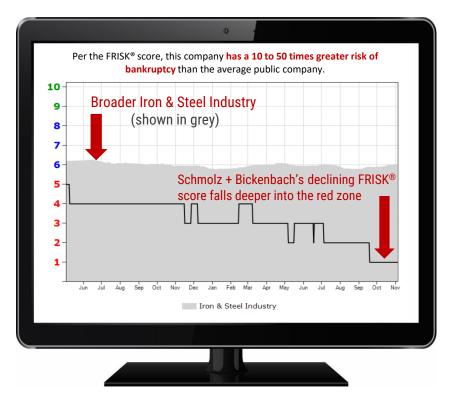
The FRISK® score is a 96% accurate method by which to monitor public company bankruptcy risk.

Rating Long Term
Agency Rating Outlook Rating Wa

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Payment performance, captured by the Days Beyond Terms (DBT) index, which is very similar to D&B's PAYDEX® score, is not an effective indicator of financial stress for <u>publicly traded</u> companies since they often continue to pay on time right up until their bankruptcy filing. This is what's commonly called the "Cloaking Effect."

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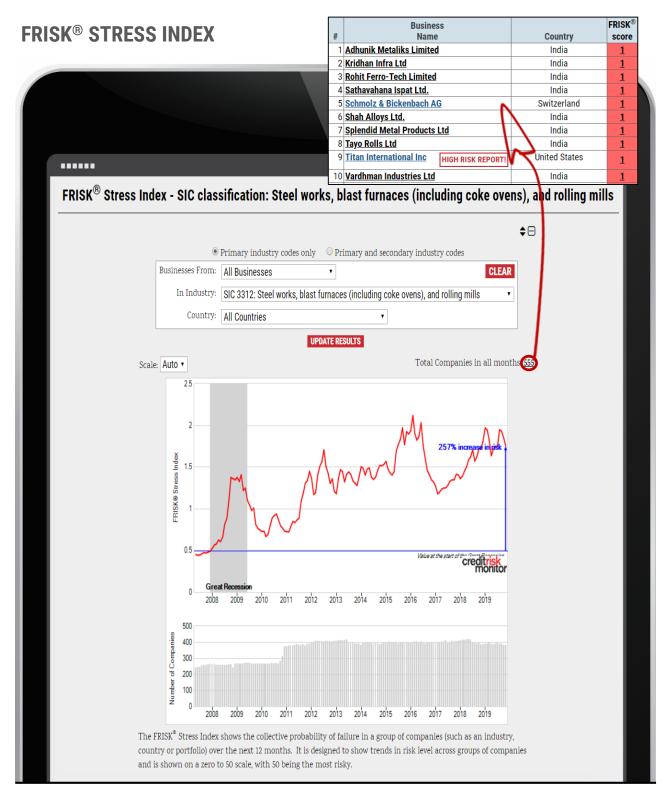
The FRISK® score relative to the broader Iron & Steel industry raises an additional red flag signaling heightened risk relative to peers, as well...

MAKING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED.

ADJUSTED MARKET CAP VOLATILITY



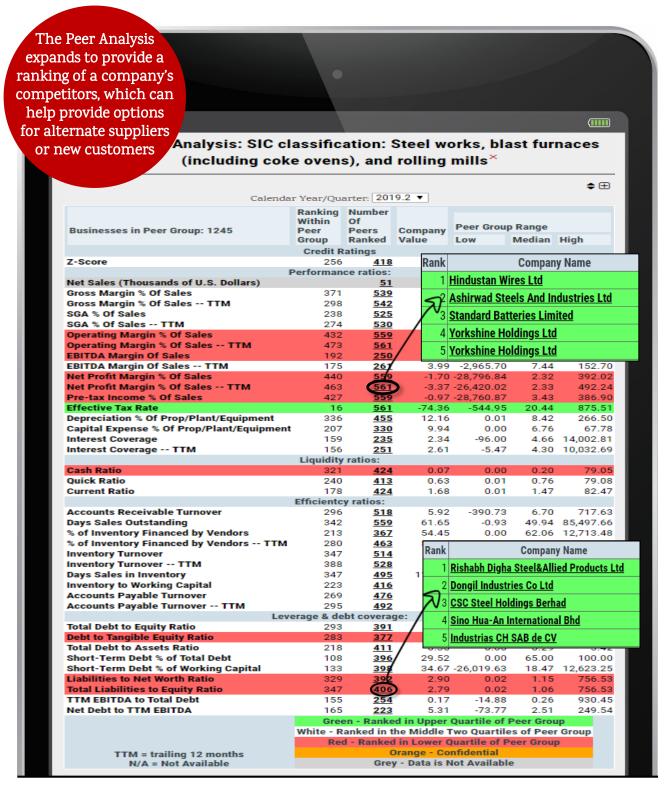
One of the inputs of the FRISK® score is a company's market cap volatility, adjusted for dividends, over the course of a year. Incorporating this information allows us to capture the "wisdom of markets" on a daily basis. This ensures our subscribers are getting the most up to date view of the risks they face since stocks tend to be more liquid and faster moving than bond prices and ratings.



The average probability of failure for SIC code 3312 (Steel works, blast furnaces (including coke ovens), and rolling mills) has increased 257% since 2007. Schmolz

+ Bickenbach AG is among the weakest names in the industry as evidenced by its FRISK® score of 1.

PEER ANALYSIS ON ALTERNATE SUPPLIERS AND CUSTOMERS



Schmolz + Bickenbach AG, demonstrates bottom quartile ranking in key financial ratios (shown in red) versus its industry peers.

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE RATIOS

Net losses in three of the last five fiscal quarters

Gross and operating margins have eroded significantly

Performance Ratios - Sequential Quarters (Thousands of Euros)

(Thousands of Euros)									
Period Ended	3 mos 6/30/2019	3 mos 3/31/2019	3 mos 12/31/2018	3 mos 9/30/2018	3 mos 6/30/2018				
Net Sales €	€807,600	€884,200	€795,500	€780,000	€908,300				
% change	-8.66%	11.15%	1.99%	-14.13%	9.58%				
Gross Margin €	€88,500	€112,300	€113,200	€122,200	€162,600				
% change	-21.19%	-0.80%	-7.37%	-24.85%	23.09%				
% of sales	10.96%	12.70%	14.23%	15.67%	17.90%				
change as % of incremental sales	n/m	-1.01%	-58.06%	n/m	38.41%				
SG&A €	€52,000	€62,500	€60,600	€57,100	€64,100				
% change	-16.80%	3.14%	6.13%	-10.92%	3.89%				
% of sales	6.44%	7.07%	7.62%	7.32%	7.06%				
change as % of incremental sales	n/m	2.14%	22.58%	n/m	3.02%				
Operating margin €	€2,300	€13,300	(€108,000)	€11,700	€55,500				
% change	-82.71%	112.31%	-1,023.08%	-78.92%	-26.49%				
% of sales	0.28%	1.50%	-13.58%	1.50%	6.11%				
change as % of incremental sales	n/m	136.75%	-772.26%	n/m	-25.19%				
EBITDA €	€26,000	€37,900	€29,600	€36,900	€81,300				
% change	-31.40%	28.04%	-19.78%	-54.61%	-19.18%				
% of sales	3.22%	4.29%	3.72%	4.73%	8.95%				
change as % of incremental sales	n/m	9.36%	-47.10%	n/m	-24.31%				
EBIT €	€400	€12,400	(€106,400)	€10,100	€55,000				
% change	-96.77%	111.65%	-1,153.47%	-81.64%	-24.66%				
% of sales	0.05%	1.40%	-13.38%	1.29%	6.06%				
change as % of incremental sales	n/m	133.93%	-751.61%	n/m	-22.67%				
Pre-tax income €	(€7,800)	(€300)	(€122,400)	€3,200	€45,300				
% change	-2,500.00%	99.75%	-3,925.00%	-92.94%	-30.52%				
% of sales	-0.97%	-0.03%	-15.39%	0.41%	4.99%				
change as % of incremental sales	n/m	137.66%	-810.32%	n/m	-25.06%				
Net income (loss) €	(€13,700)	€600	(€93,200)	(€3,900)	€36,800				
% change	-2,383.33%	100.64%	-2,289.74%	-110.60%	-37.42%				
% of sales	-1.70%	0.07%	-11.72%	-0.50%	4.05%				
change as % of incremental sales	n/m	105.75%	-576.13%	n/m	-27.71%				
Tax expense €	€5,800	(€1,000)	(€29,300)	€6,900	€8,200				
Effective tax rate	-74.36%	333.33%	23.94%	215.63%	18.10%				
Depreciation expense €	€25,700	€25,500	€26,000	€25,700	€25,000				
% of sales	3.18% 122.38%	2.88% 117.51%	3.27% 36.11%	3.29% 81.07%	2.75% 120.19%				
% of capital expenses % of PP&E, net (annualized)	122.36%	12.51%	12.77%	12.24%	120.19%				
			€72,000	€31,700					
Capital expenditures € % change	€21,000	€21,700 -69.86%	127.13%	52.40%	€20,800 37.75%				
% of PP&E, net (annualized)	-3.23% 9.94%	10.64%	35.37%	15.10%	9.99%				
% of PP&E, net (annualized) % of working capital (annualized)	9.94% 12.77%	13.38%	42.65%	18.59%	13.85%				
Interest coverage ratio	2.34	73.30% 2.98	42.03% 1.85	3.65	8.38				
% change	-21.51%	61.31%	-49.36%	-56.41%	-35.01%				
ਲ change Free cash flow €	€58,500	(€24,600)	•49.30% €12,900	-30.47 % €6,500	(€57,900)				
% change	337.80%	-290.70%	98.46%	111.23%	39.56%				
% change Source:	Interim Report	Interim Report	98.40% ARS	Interim Report	Interim Report				
Source.	8/7/2019	5/9/2019	3/13/2019	11/9/2018	8/8/2018				

QUARTERLY LEVERAGE RATIOS

Total liabilities
to tangible net
worth ratio signals
heightened risk
in the last 5
quarters

Total debt to
EBITDA ratio
(annualized) signals
that the ability to
meet financial
obligations is in
jeopardy

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Leveraç	ge Ratios - S	Sequential ds of Euros)	Quarters		
Period Ended	6/30/2019	3/31/2019	12/31/2018	9/30/2018	6/30/2018
Total debt €	€757,000	€800,600	€696,200	€707,600	€675,400
% change	-5.45%	15.00%	-1.61%	4.77%	10.99%
Stockholders' equity €	€670,000	€697,700	€707,700	€818,600	€818,700
% change	-3.97%	-1.41%	-13.55%	-0.01%	6.01%
Total debt to equity ratio	1.13	1.15	0.98	0.86	0.83
% change	-1.53%	16.64%	13.81%	4.78%	4.71%
Tangible net worth €	€644,600	€672,600	€683,000	€788,500	€789,100
% change	-4.16%	-1.52%	-13.38%	-0.08%	5.99%
Total debt to tangible net worth	1.17	1.19	1.02	0.90	0.86
% change	-1.34%	16.78%	13.58%	4.85%	4.72%
Total assets €	€2,540,100	€2,644,800	€2,531,800	€2,617,400	€2,642,200
% change	-3.96%	4.46%	-3.27%	-0.94%	6.26%
Total debt to assets ratio	0.30	0.30	0.28	0.27	0.26
% change	-1.55%	10.07%	1.74%	5.75%	4.45%
Tangible assets €	€2,514,700	€2,619,700	€2,507,100	€2,587,300	€2,612,600
% change	-4.01%	4.49%	-3.10%	-0.97%	6.26%
Short-term debt €	€223,500	€243,300	€240,600	€218,900	€285,900
% change	-8.14%	1.12%	9.91%	-23.43%	6.92%
Short-term debt % of total debt	29.52%	30.39%	34.56%	30.94%	42.33%
% change	-2.85%	-12.06%	11.71%	-26.92%	-3.67%
Short-term debt % of working capital	34.67%	36.28%	38.41%	30.23%	44.69%
% change	-4.42%	-5.56%	27.07%	-32.37%	-6.05%
Total liabilities €	€1,870,100	€1,947,100	€1,824,100	€1,798,800	€1,823,500
% change	-3.95%	6.74%	1.41%	-1.35%	6.37%
Total liabilities to equity ratio	2.79	2.79	2.58	2.20	2.23
% change	0.02%	8.27%	17.30%	-1.34%	0.34%
Total liabilities to tangible net worth ratio	2.90	2.89	2.67	2.28	2.31
% change	0.22%	8.39%	17.07%	-1.28%	0.36%
Total debt to EBITDA ratio (annualized)	7.28	5.28	5.88	4.79	2.08
% change	37.83%	-10.19%	22.66%	130.82%	37.34%
Source:	Interim Report 8/7/2019	Interim Report 5/9/2019	ARS 3/13/2019	Interim Report 11/9/2018	Interim Report 8/8/2018

QUARTERLY LIQUIDITY RATIOS AND RATES OF RETURN

	Liquidity Ra	atios - Seque		ers	Meager cash ratio relative to peers
Period Ended	6/30/2019	3/31/2019	12/31/2018	9/30/2018	6/30/2018
Current assets €	€1,587,500	€1,687,900	€1,642,300	€1,680,600	€1,708,400
% change	-5.95%	2.78%	-2.28%	-1.63%	9.77%
% of short-term debt	710.29%	693.75%	682.59%	767.75%	597.55%
Current liabilities €	€942,900	€1,017,200	€1,015,900	€956,400	€1,068,700
% change	-7.30%	0.13%	6.22%	-10.51%	7.48%
Working capital €	€644,600	€670,700	€626,400	€724,200	€639,700
% change	-3.89%	7.07%	-13.50%	13.21%	13.81%
% of sales (annualized)	19.95%	18.96%	19.69%	23.21%	17.61%
Cash €	€65,000	€59,200	€55,900	€64,500	€63,000
% change	9.80%	5.90%	-13.33%	2.38%	2.77%
% of short-term debt	29.08%	24.33%	23.23%	29.47%	22.04%
Cash ratio	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.06
% change	18.38%	5.82%	-18.40%	14.24%	-4.38%
Quick assets €	€591,200	€624,200	€534,500	€595,600	€671,400
% change	-5.29%	16.78%	-10.26%	-11.29%	10.99%
% of short-term debt	264.52%	256.56%	222.15%	272.09%	234.84%
Quick ratio	0.63	0.61	0.53	0.62	0.63
% change	2.18%	16.63%	-15.53%	-0.86%	3.25%
Current ratio	1.68	1.66	1.62	1.76	1.60
% change	1.46%	2.65%	-8.00%	9.92%	2.13%
Source:	Interim Report 8/7/2019	Interim Report 5/9/2019	ARS 3/13/2019	Interim Report 11/9/2018	Interim Report 8/8/2018

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of the last 5 fiscal	Rate of Retur	n - Sequent		rs	
quarters Period Ended	3 mos 6/30/2019	3 mos 3/31/2019	3 mos 12/31/2018	3 mos 9/30/2018	3 mos 6/30/2018
Return on equity	-1.96%	0.08%	-11.39%	-0.48%	4.77%
% change	-2,415.57%	100.74%	-2,289.86%	-110.00%	-41.86%
Return on net tangible equity	-2.04%	0.09%	-11.82%	-0.49%	4.94%
% change	-2,419.93%	100.74%	-2,291.72%	-110.00%	-42.10%
Return on total assets	-0.53%	0.02%	-3.62%	-0.15%	1.44%
% change	-2,378.02%	100.64%	-2,341.00%	-110.33%	-43.87%
Return on tangible assets	-0.53%	0.02%	-3.66%	-0.15%	1.45%
% change	-2,380.77%	100.64%	-2,339.27%	-110.34%	-43.93%
Source:	Interim Report 8/7/2019	Interim Report 5/9/2019	ARS 3/13/2019	Interim Report 11/9/2018	Interim Report 8/8/2018

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