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HIGH RISK REPORT ALTOS HORNOS de MEXICO SAB de CV

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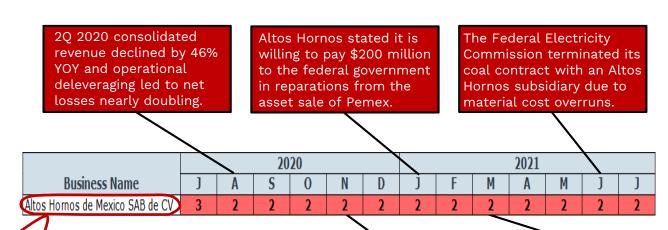


CreditRiskMonitor's assessment of Altos Hornos de Mexico SAB de CV ("Altos Hornos") "high risk" status has been determined by a combination of factors:

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MONTHLY AVERAGE FRISK® SCORE

CreditRiskMonitor's proprietary FRISK® score signals that Altos Hornos (MXK: AHMSA) has a 4 to 10 times greater risk of bankruptcy than the average public company.



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.

Part of an ongoing judicial process, Altos Hornos would continue negotiations in an effort to recapitalize itself.

Q4 2020 revenues cut in half YOY, in part from the lingering impact of pandemic and federal government actions.

FRISK® SCORE: PROBABILITY OF BANKRUPTCY WITHIN 12 MONTHS

	FRISK®	FROM	то
	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%
	1	9.99%	50.00%

While the 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 powerful risk indicators including:

Real-time subscriber crowdsourcing research patterns

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 Morningstar

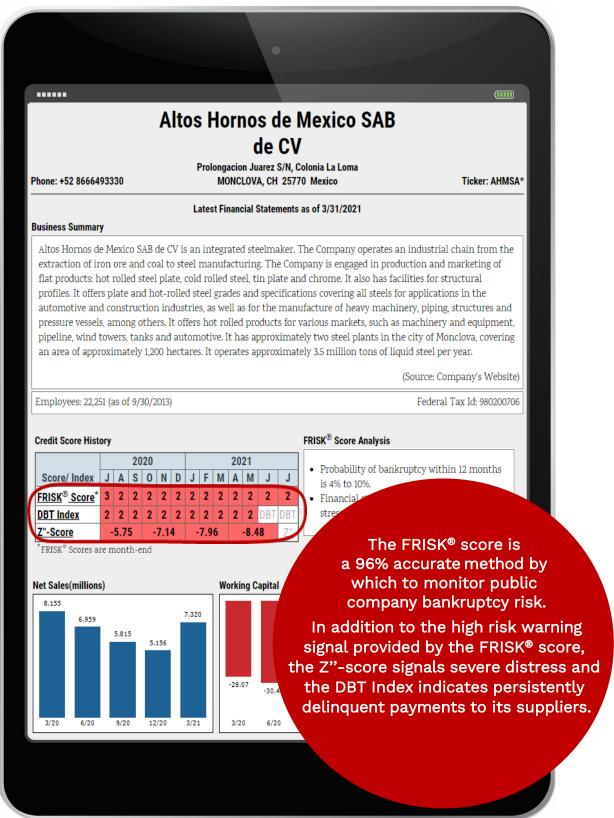
<u>Crowdsourcing</u> has enhanced the accuracy and timeliness of the FRISK® score. We collect and analyze data patterns from thousands of CreditRiskMonitor® subscribers, including professionals from more than 35% of the Fortune 1000 and other large corporations worldwide.

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

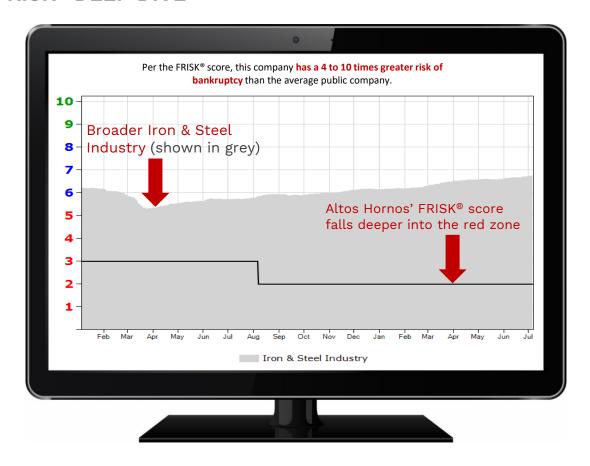
- Credit managers control one of the largest sources of working capital going into a company
- They are not held to the same "Fair Disclosure" restrictions that prevent non-disclosed information sharing on public companies
- Credit managers use a variety of non-public information sources such as their 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

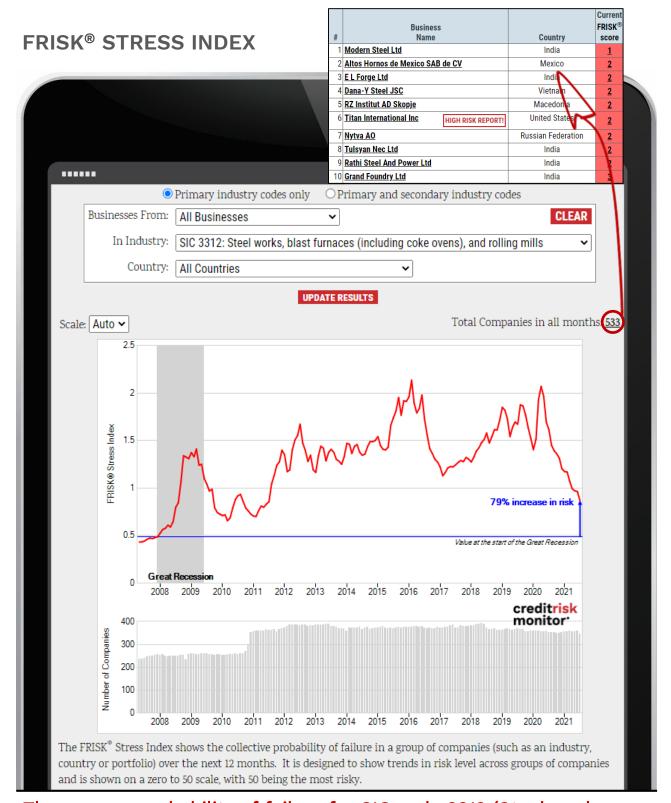


FRISK® DEEP DIVE



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.



The average probability of failure for SIC code 3312 (Steel works, blast furnaces (including coke ovens), and rolling mills) has increased 79% since 2007. Altos Hornos is among the weakest names in the industry as evidenced by its FRISK® score of 2.

PEER ANALYSIS ON ALTERNATE SUPPLIERS AND CUSTOMERS



Altos Hornos demonstrates bottom quartile ranking in key financial ratios (shown in red) versus its industry peers.

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE RATIOS

Massive operating and net losses due to heavy fixed cost structure

Poor interest coverage ratio & unstable free cash flow generation

Performance Ratios - Sequential Quarters

(Thousands	of	Mexican	Pesos)

	3 mos	3 mos	3 mos	3 mos	3 mos
Period Ended	3/31/2021	12/31/2020	9/30/2020	6/30/2020	3/31/2020
Net Sales	7,319,725	5,155,693	5,815,478	6,959,374	8,154,640
% change	41.97%	-11.35%	-16.44%	-14.66%	-20.23%
Gross Margin	(752,028)	(1,241,034)	(1,622,216)	(1,507,735)	(2,813,683)
% change	39.40%	23.50%	-7.59%	46.41%	-110.48%
% of sales	-10.27%	-24.07%	-27.89%	-21.66%	-34.50%
change as % of incremental sales	22.60%	n/m	n/m	n/m	n/m
SG&A	480,746	626,924	639,669	625,148	685,895
% change	-23.32%	-1.99%	2.32%	-8.86%	-8.55%
% of sales	6.57%	12.16%	11.00%	8.98%	8.41%
change as % of incremental sales	-6.75%	n/m	n/m	n/m	n/m
Operating margin	(1,243,204)	(2,960,701)	(2,128,198)	(3,899,096)	(3,256,573)
% change	58.01%	-39.12%	45.42%	-19.73%	-49.40%
% of sales	-16.98%	-57.43%	-36.60%	-56.03%	-39.94%
change as % of incremental sales	79.37%	n/m	n/m	n/m	n/m
EBITDA	(660,758)	(2,047,575)	(1,281,848)	(3,068,996)	(2,388,799)
% change	67.73%	-59.74%	58.23%	-28.47%	-81.45%
% of sales	-9.03%	-39.71%	-22.04%	-44.10%	-29.29%
change as % of incremental sales	64.08%	n/m	n/m	n/m	n/m
EBIT	(1,366,237)	(3,083,733)	(2,251,231)	(4,022,128)	(3,379,606)
% change	55.70%	-36.98%	44.03%	-19.01%	-45.59%
% of sales	-18.67%	-59.81%	-38.71%	-57.79%	-41.44%
change as % of incremental sales	79.37%	n/m	n/m	n/m	n/m
Pre-tax income	(2,652,899)	(2,220,810)	(2,856,875)	(5,084,029)	(7,452,432)
% change	-19.46%	22.26%	43.81%	31.78%	-173.21%
% of sales	-36.24%	-43.07%	-49.13%	-73.05%	-91.39%
change as % of incremental sales	-19.97%	n/m	n/m	n/m	n/m
Net income (loss)	(2,649,980) -21,27%	(2,185,135) 60.72%	(5,563,226) -32,14%	(4,210,196) 19.32%	(5,218,496) -158,40%
% change % of sales	-21.27%	-42.38%	-32.14% -95.66%	-60.50%	-158.40%
change as % of incremental sales	-21.48%				
Tax expense	-21.48% 1.871	n/m	n/m	n/m	n/m
Effective tax rate	-0.07%	(37,186) 1.67%	2,767,433 -96,87%	(866,969) 17.05%	(2,242,849) 30.10%
Depreciation expense	705,479	1,036,158	969,383	953,132	990,807
% of sales	9.64%	20.10%	16.67%	13.70%	12.15%
% of capital expenses	1.322.24%	4.779.55%	4.773.40%	662.22%	649.65%
% of PP&E, net (annualized)	8.31%	11.69%	10.45%	10.01%	10.17%
Capital expenditures	53,355	21,679	20,308	143,930	152,514
% change	146.11%	6.75%	-85.89%	-5.63%	-66.65%
% of PP&E, net (annualized)	0.63%	0.24%	0.22%	1.51%	1.57%
% of working capital (annualized)	-0.64%	-0.27%	-0.26%	-1.97%	-2.42%
Interest coverage ratio	(0.51)	(2.31)	(1.39)	(2.21)	(0.59)
% change	77.76%	-65.76%	37.08%	-277.41%	58.62%
Free cash flow	(1,797,407)	370,885	292,602	1,568,547	(610,725)
% change	-584.63%	26.75%	-81.35%	356.83%	-194.92%
Source:	Interim Report	PRESS	Interim Report	Interim Report	Interim Report
	4/30/2021	3/1/2021	10/28/2020	7/28/2020	7/31/2020

QUARTERLY LEVERAGE RATIOS

Shareholders'
equity turns
negative due to
steepening
accumulated
deficit

Leverage Ratios - Sequential Quarters (Thousands of Mexican Pesos)

Significant
increase in total
debt to assets
ratio signals limit
on future
borrowing
capacity

	(Thousands of	PICAICAII FCSUS)		
mod Ended	3/31/2021	12/31/2020	9/30/2020	6/30/2020	3/31/2020
Total debt	27,996,191	20,510,039	20,999,569	21,689,411	24,013,155
% change	36.50%	-2.33%	-3.18%	-9.68%	13.39%
Stockholders' equity	(12,217,601)	(5,257,483)	(2,949,479)	2,713,083	7,047,471
% change	-132.39%	-78.25%	-208.71%	-61.50%	-39.16%
Total debt to equity ratio	n/a	n/a	n/a	7.99	3.41
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	134.63%	86.38%
Tangible net worth	(14,024,696)	(7,075,365)	(4,845,009)	800,414	3,813,942
% change	-98.22%	-46.03%	-705.31%	-79.01%	-55.82%
Total debt to tangible net worth	n/a	n/a	n/a	27.10	6.30
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	330.38%	156.63%
Total assets	46,701,743	45,625,623	49,272,478	54,399,496	58,802,076
% change	2.36%	-7.40%	-9.42%	-7.49%	1.73%
Total debt to assets ratio	0.60	0.45	0.43	0.40	0.41
% change	33.37%	5.47%	6.90%	-2.38%	11.46%
Tangible assets	44,894,648	43,807,741	47,376,948	52,486,827	55,568,547
% change	2.48%	-7.53%	-9.74%	-5.55%	1.31%
Short-term debt	22,018,147	17,825,488	18,262,716	18,714,242	20,705,295
% change	23.52%	-2.39%	-2.41%	-9.62%	14.34%
Short-term debt % of total debt	78.65%	86.91%	86.97%	86.28%	86.22%
% change	-9.51%	-0.06%	0.79%	0.07%	0.84%
Short-term debt % of working capital	-63.66%	-56.04%	-56.64%	-61.53%	-73.77%
% change	-13.60%	1.08%	7.94%	16.59%	9.10%
Total liabilities	58,919,344	50,883,106	52,221,957	51,686,413	51,754,605
% change	15.79%	-2.56%	1.04%	-0.13%	11.98%
Total liabilities to equity ratio	n/a	n/a	n/a	19.05	7.34
% change	n/a	n/a	n/a	159.42%	84.06%
Total liabilities to tangible net worth ratio	n/a	n/a	n/a	64.57	13.57
% change		n/a	n/a	375.87%	153.43%
Source:	High pro	oportion	Interim Report 10/28/2020	Interim Report 7/28/2020	Interim Report 7/31/2020
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of short-term debt reflects heavy reliance on credit revolver and liquidity stress

QUARTERLY LIQUIDITY RATIOS AND RATES OF RETURN

Expanding working capital deficit		ntios - Sequ	ential Quarto	C	/eak cash, quick and current ratios
Period Ended	3/31/2021	12/31/2020	9/30/2020	6/30/2020	3/31/2020
Current assets	9,825,919	7,986,168	8,804,878	9,854,417	12,191,353
% change	23.04%	-9.30%	-10.65%	-19.17%	-1.25%
% of short-term debt	44.63%	44.80%	48.21%	52.66%	58.88%
Current liabilities	44,414,348	39,797,529	41,046,034	40,268,445	40,257,298
% change	11.60%	-3.04%	1.93%	0.03%	16.16%
Working capital	(34,588,429)	(31,811,361)	(32,241,156)	(30,414,028)	(28,065,945)
% change	-8.73%	1.33%	-6.01%	-8.37%	-25.80%
% of sales (annualized)	-118.13%	-154.25%	-138.60%	-109.26%	-86.04%
Cash	598,777	293,083	164,864	278,293	353,826
% change	104.30%	77.77%	-40.76%	-21.35%	-39.72%
% of short-ter <u>m</u> debt	2.72%	1.64%	0.90%	1.49%	1.71%
Cash ratio	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
% change	82.43%	85.00%	-42.03%	-21.59%	-47.93%
Quick assets	5,394,224	4,395,923	4,807,640	5,037,196	5,899,765
% change	22.71%	-8.56%	-4.56%	-14.62%	2.68%
% of short-term debt	24.50%	24.66%	26.32%	26.92%	28.49%
Ouick ratio	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.15
% change	9.95%	-5.64%	-6.39%	-14.67%	-11.58%
Current ratio	0.22	0.20	0.21	0.24	0.30
% change	10.21%	-6.43%	-12.34%	-19.19%	-14.99%
Source:	Interim Report 4/30/2021	PRESS 3/1/2021	Interim Report 10/28/2020	Interim Report 7/28/2020	Interim Report 7/31/2020

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any positive	Rate of Return	1 - Sequen nds of Mexican	_	S	
returns eriod Ended	3 mos 3/31/2021	3 mos 12/31/2020	3 mos 9/30/2020	3 mos 6/30/2020	3 mos 3/31/2020
Return on equity	n/a	n/a	-205.05%	-59.74%	-45.05%
% change	n/a	n/a	-243.24%	-32.62%	-216.08%
Return on net tangible equity	n/a	n/a	-695.04%	-110.39%	-60.46%
% change	n/a	n/a	-529.63%	-82.59%	-235.14%
Return on total assets	-5.74%	-4.61%	-10.73%	-7.44%	-8.95%
% change	-24.65%	57.09%	-44.28%	16.90%	-168.52%
Return on tangible assets	-5.98%	-4.79%	-11.14%	-7.79%	-9.45%
% change	-24.67%	56.98%	-42.97%	17.56%	-169.68%
Source:	Interim Report 4/30/2021	PRESS 3/1/2021	Interim Report 10/28/2020	Interim Report 7/28/2020	Interim Report 7/31/2020

YEAR OVER YEAR STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Negative cash from operating activities		ver-Year -		re bi	Debt issuance equired t ridge cas outflows
Period Ended	3 mos 3/31/2021	3 mos 3/31/2020	3 mos 3/31/2019	3 mos 3/31/2018	3 mos 3/31/2017
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Cash Flows from Operating Activities:					
Net income	(2,654,770)	(5,209,583)	(680,632)	35,791	(163,028)
Depreciation/depletion	705,479	990,807	1,006,365	1,058,554	1,073,491
Non-cash Items	466,514	3,140,884	(31,817)	(226,855)	(240,496)
Changes in working capital	(261,275)	619,681	1,174,137	164,275	(4,804)
Total cash from operating activities	(1,744,052)	(458,211)	1,468,053	1,031,765	665,163
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:					
Capital expenditures	(53,355)	(152,514)	(433,790)	(606,976)	(457,090)
Other investing cash flow items, total	121,940	814,202	39,956	(300,430)	20,572
Total cash from investing activities	68,585	661,688	(393,834)	(907,406)	(436,518)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:					
Financing cash flow items	(314,016)	(587,243)	(277,090)	(187,837)	(99,335)
Issuance/retirement of debt, net	2,210,928	(738,622)	(724,034)	(787,212)	(290,765)
Total cash from financing activities	1,896,912	(1,325,865)	(1,001,124)	(975,049)	(390,100)
Foreign exchange effects	100,656	1,152,099	(97,018)	(375,714)	(459,444)
Net change in cash	322,101	29,711	(23,923)	(1,226,404)	(620,899)
Net cash-beginning balance	268,612	286,455	389,094	1,677,039	944,556
Net cash-ending balance	590,713	316,166	365,171	450,635	323,657
Supplemental Disclosures:					
Cash interest paid	297,558	584,110	277,090	187,837	157,178
Cash taxes paid, supplemental	(13,903)	32,044	116,218	118,281	78,596
Source:	Interim Report 4/30/2021	Interim Report 7/31/2020	Interim Report 5/1/2019	Interim Report 4/27/2018	Interim Report 4/27/2018

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