

RATING NOTIFICATION

Rating Agency	: JCR AVRASYA DERECELENDİRME A.Ş.
Rated Company	: Kocaer Çelik Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş.
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**Capital Markets Board of Türkiye (SPK)- To the Accounting Standards Department
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JCR Eurasia Rating has evaluated "Kocaer Çelik Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş.".

- Maintaining sales volume growth in 2023 despite the contraction in revenue stemming from decreasing unit prices
- Improvement in core operational profitability indicators and internal equity generation capacity
- Low level of financial leverage indicators over the analysed years
- Positive cash flow metrics and NWC easing liquidity management
- High share of export sales among total revenues and geographical diversification of exports
- Segregated position in the sector through having one of the innovative R&D centers in Türkiye's steel sector, sustainability approach, and participation in the Turquality programme
- Enhancement in the level of compliance with corporate governance practices
- Long-lasting presence and experience in the sector and conformity to the international quality standards
- Financing expenses pressuring the bottom-line profitability to a certain extent despite declining financing expenses in 2023
- Contribution of non-cash revaluation gains to asset size and equity growth
- Leading economic indicators signal global economic slowdown whereas quantitative tightening actions aim to restrict consumption growth and achieve a soft-landing in the domestic side

The Long-Term National Issuer Credit Rating rating of "Kocaer Çelik Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş." has been affirmed at 'A+ (tr)' considering the above mentioned issues. All notes of the Company are determined as follows.

Long-Term National Issuer Credit Rating	: A+ (tr) / (Stable Outlook)
Long-Term National Issuer Credit Rating	: J1 (tr) / (Stable Outlook)
Long Term International Foreign Currency Issuer Credit Rating	: BB / (Negative Outlook)
Long Term International Local Currency Issuer Credit Rating	: BB / (Negative Outlook)
Long-Term National Issuer Specific Rating	: -
Short-Term National Issuer Specific Rating	: -

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Regards,
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