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## Credit Rating Report

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**Ref No** : ACRSL10655/14  
**Company Name** : Step Shoe Last and Accessories Company Limited (SSLACL)  
**Assigned Ticker** : SSLACL  
**Activity** : Manufacturer and seller of Shoe Last and footwear accessories.  
**Incorporated On** : 02 Mar 2010  
**Head Office** : House-01, Road-15,Section-01, Uttara, Dhaka-1230, Bangladesh.

**Rating Type** : Corporate / Entity  
**Analyst(s)** : ACRSL Analyst Team  
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**Rating Summary**

Credit Rating	Current	Previous
Long-Term	A-	A-
Short-Term	ST-3	ST-3
Publishing Date	27 Apr 2014	20 Dec 2012

**Rating Explanation**

Rating	Explanation
A-	Investment grade. High credit quality and low expectation of credit risk. When assigned this rating indicates the obligor has strong capacity to meet its financial obligations but may be vulnerable to adverse economic conditions compared to obligors with higher credit ratings.
ST-3	Good certainty of timely payment. Liquidity factors and company fundamentals are sound. Although ongoing funding needs may enlarge total financing requirements, access to capital markets is good. Risk factors are small.

Rating Validity : This validity assumes no additional loan over that disclosed in FY13 [ending December 31] audited/management certified balance sheet and that management has disclosed all material & adverse to financials since FY13.