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Ref No	: ACRSL39572/25
Company Name	: Fahim Printing and Publications (FPP)
Assigned Ticker	: FahimPrintPub
Activity	: Printing, Trading
Head Office	: 90/15, Puraton Mosjid Road, Matuail Dakkhin Para, Jatrabari, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Rating Type	: SME / Entity
Rating Validity	: 16 Mar 2026
Nature Of Rating	: Third Surveillance
Outlook	: Stable
Analyst(s)	: ACRSL Analyst Team
Committee(s)	: ACRSL Rating Committees

Rating Summary

Credit Rating	Current	Previous
SME	AQSE-3	AQSE-3
Publishing Date	17 Mar 2025	04 Apr 2024

Rating Explanation

Rating	Explanation
AQSE-3	ARGUS Quantitative Small Enterprise-3 is a High rating grade assigned to small enterprises by ARGUS Credit Rating Services Ltd (ACRSL)'s quantitative SE ratings model. When assigned, this rating indicates the obligor, relative to other small enterprises, has strong capacity to meet its financial obligations but may be vulnerable to adverse economic conditions.

Rating Validity: This validity assumes no additional loan over that disclosed in FY23 [Ending December 31] audited/management certified balance sheet and that management has disclosed all material & adverse to financials since FY23.

Khan Md. Abdul Wahab, FCMA
Chief Executive Officer
ARGUS Credit Rating Services Ltd.

1 CORPORATE PROFILE

1.1 Company Description

History: M/s Fahim Printing and Publications(FPP) was incorporated as a proprietorship concern. FPP is headed by MS Aleya Islam. He is the Proprietor of the firm. The entity is primarily focuses on printing different textbook.

Financial Base: At the end of FY23, FPP's total assets stood at BDT 89.58 MN, equity at BDT 21.09 MN, Revenue at BDT 48.27 MN and Net Profit at BDT 6.05 MN.

Special Note: At the time of publication of this credit rating report by ARGUS Credit Rating Services Limited, audited financial statements from FY22 to FY23 (ending Dec 31) were available and projections for FY24 and FY25 were arrived after taking into consideration subsequent events up to the date of reporting, management feedback and industry insights.

Bank Liability: Fahim Printing and Publications(FPP) avail financial facility under The Preimer Bank PLC As on 16.03.2025, FPP total limit was 124.00 MN, where as its outstanding was 125.13 MN, and the CIB (Credit Information Bureau) status is marked as "Standard." This indicates that the current financial obligations are within acceptable limits and the account is in good standing.

1.2 Ownership Structure

MS Aleya Islam. He is the Proprietor of the firm.

Table 1 Nature of Ownership/Directors' Shareholding Percentage

Designation	Name	Shares
Proprietor	Ms. Aleya Islam	100.00%

1.3 Operations

Head Office: 90/15, Puraton Mosjid Road, Matuail Dakkhin Para, Jatrabari, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

1.4 Products and Services

The entity is primarily focuses on printing different textbook.

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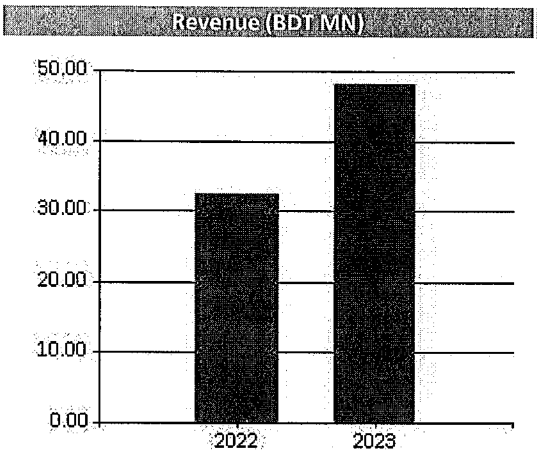
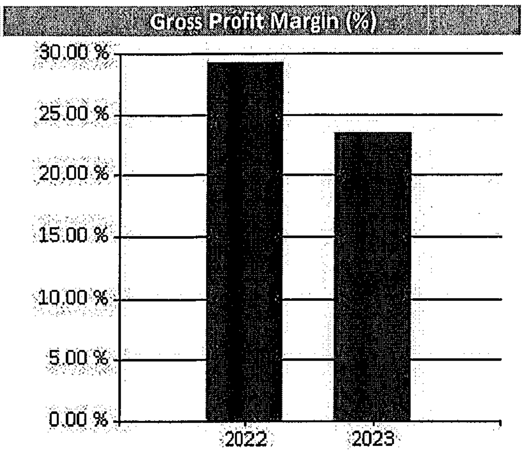
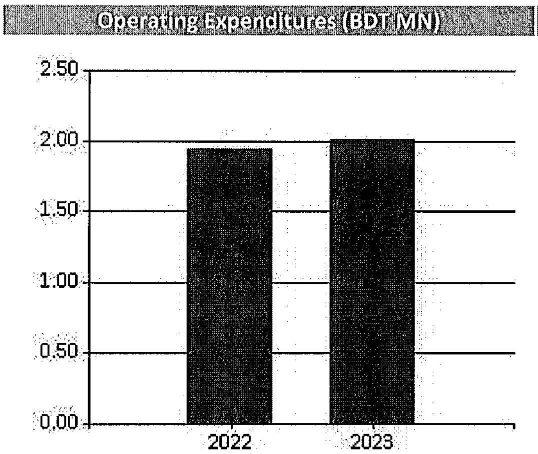
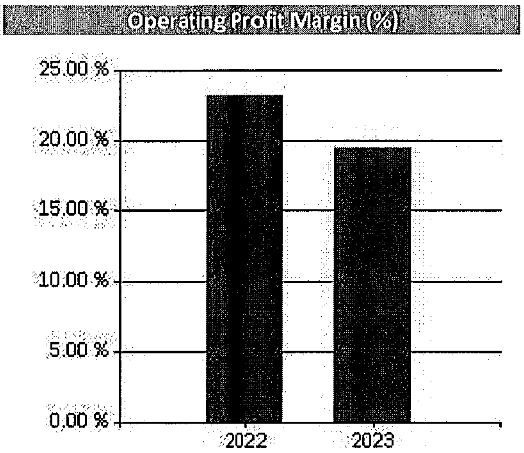
2 CHARTS

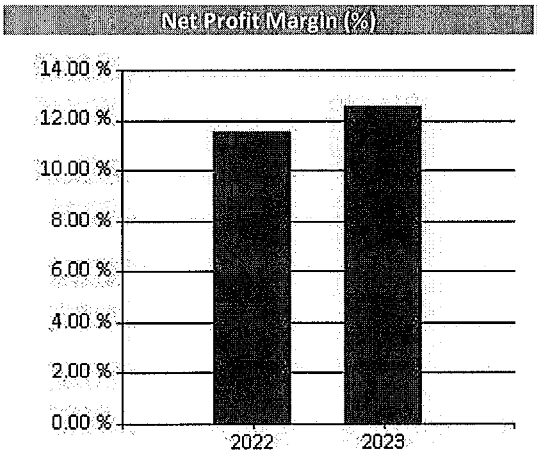
2.1 INCOME STATEMENT CHARTS

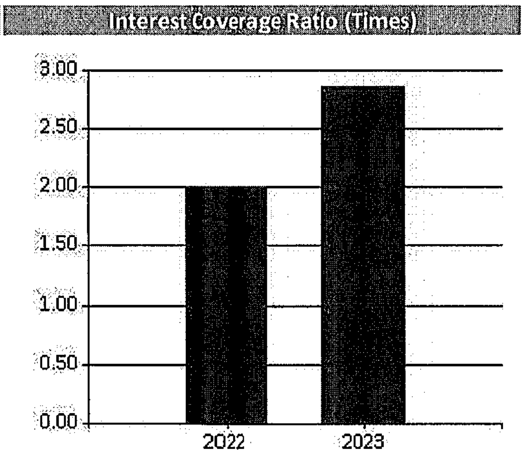












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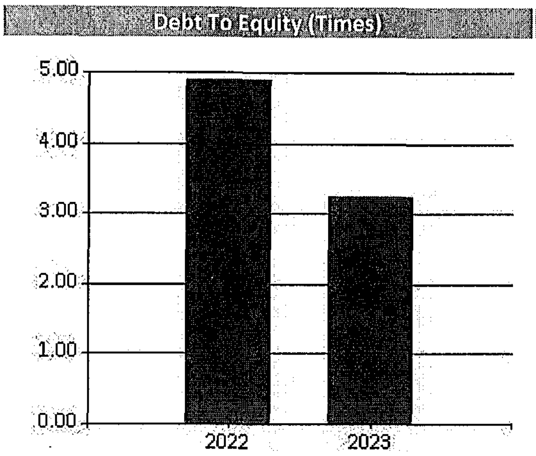

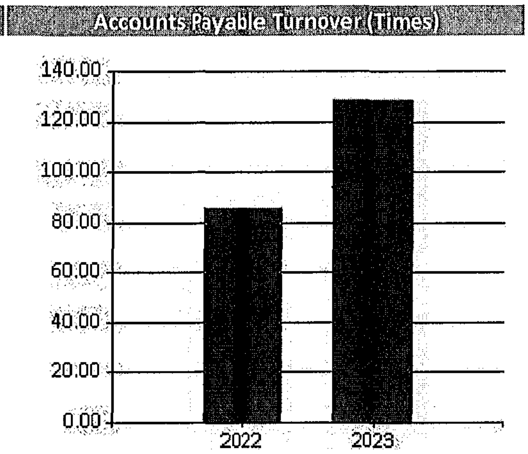

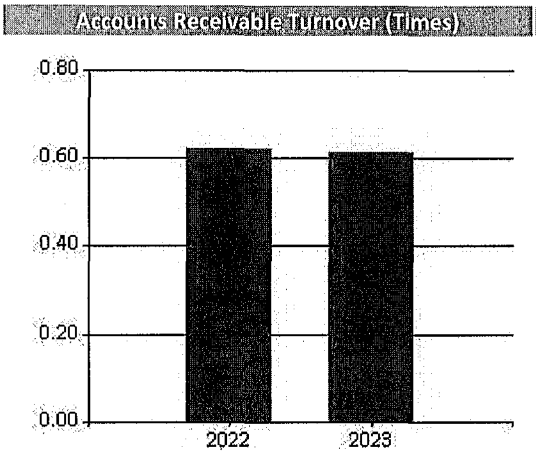

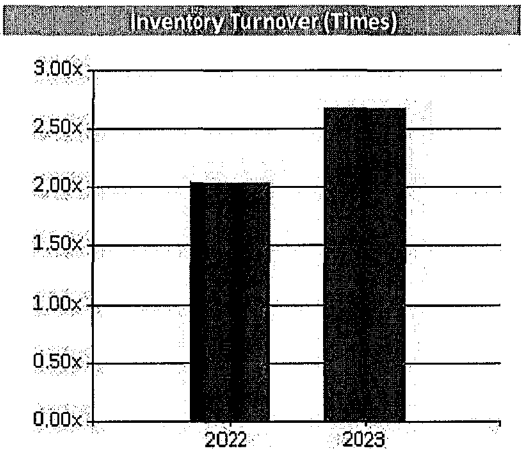

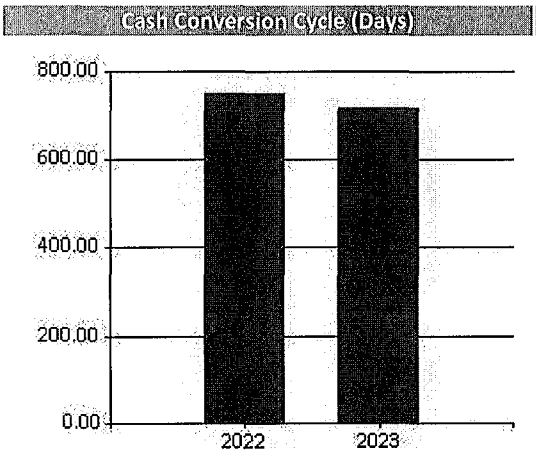

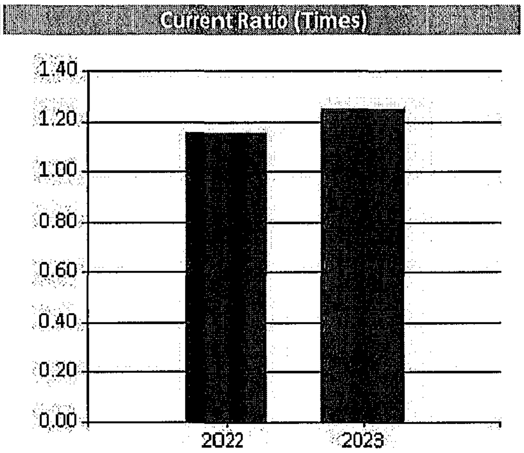

2.3 Cash Flow Adequacy Charts

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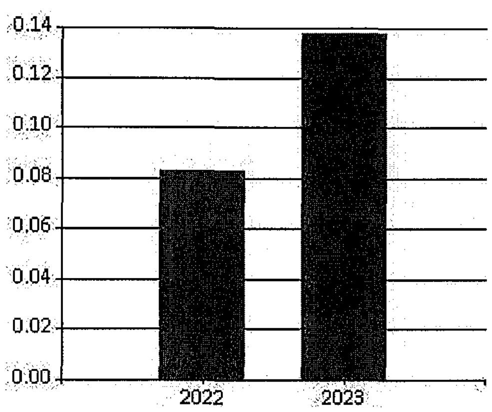

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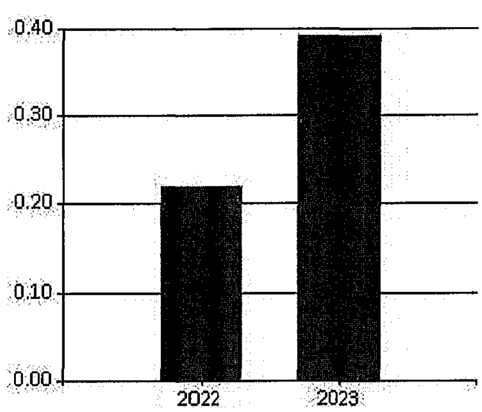

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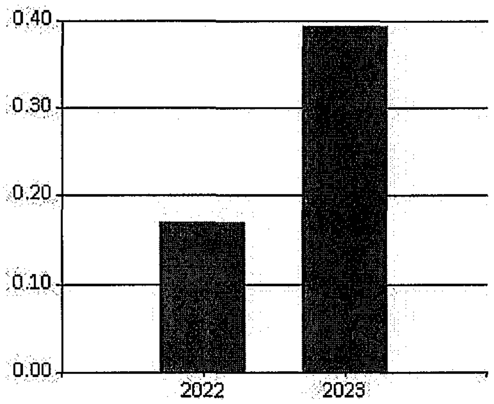
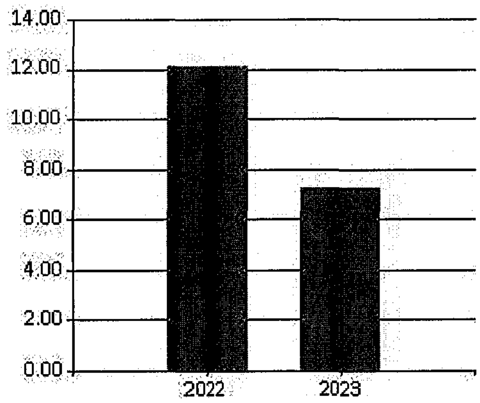


Total Debt To EBITDA (Times)



APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL METRICS

Balance Sheet Metrics (BDT in MN)	FY22	FY23
Cash & Equivalent	1.47	2.09
Trade Receivable	90.22	67.11
Inventories	12.52	15.05
Total Current Assets	105.21	85.24
Investments	0.00	0.00
Fixed Assets(At cost less Depreciation)	4.54	4.33
Total Non-Current Assets	4.54	4.33
Total Assets	109.74	89.58
Payable and Accrued Expenses	0.28	0.30
Other Current Liabilities	0.12	0.13
Short Term Debt	90.81	68.06
Total Current Liabilities	91.20	68.49
Long Term Debt	0.00	0.00
Other Non-Current Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Total Non-Current Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	91.20	68.49
Issued, Subscribed & Paid Up Capital	18.54	21.09
Retained Earnings	0.00	0.00
Reserves & Surplus	0.00	0.00
Total Shareholders' Equity	18.54	21.09
Total Shareholders' Equity & Liabilities	109.74	89.58
Income Statement Metrics (BDT in MN)	**FY22**	**FY23**
Revenue/Sales/Turnover	32.34	48.27
Cost of Revenue/ Cost of Goods Sold	22.88	36.90
Gross Profit (Loss)	9.46	11.37
Operating Expenses	1.95	2.01
Operating Profit	7.51	9.36
Financial Expense/ Interest Expense	3.75	3.28
Net Profit before WPPF	3.76	6.09
Other Expense	0.00	0.00
Net Profit Before Tax	3.76	6.09
Provision for Tax	0.04	0.04
Net Profit After Tax	3.73	6.05
Cash Flow Metrics (BDT in MN)	**FY22**	**FY23**
Net Cash from Operating Activities	20.02	26.65
Net Cash from Investing Activities	-4.54	0.21
Net Cash from Financing Activities	105.62	-26.24
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	121.10	0.61
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Opening	0.00	1.47
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Closing	121.10	2.09

Source: FPP's Financial Statements from FY 22-FY 23

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APPENDIX B: SUMMARY OF ANALYTICS

Indicators	FY22	FY23
Revenue Growth	16.49%	49.26%
Gross Profit Margin	29.25%	23.56%
Operating Profit Margin	23.23%	19.39%
Net Profit Margin	11.52%	12.52%
Interest Coverage Ratio	2.00x	2.86x
ROA	5.33%	6.07%
ROE	21.22%	30.51%
Debt to Equity Ratio	4.90x	3.23x
Accounts Payable Turnover	85.52x	128.27x
Accounts Receivable Turnover	0.62x	0.61x
Inventory Turnover Ratio	2.03x	2.68x
Current Ratio	1.15x	1.24x
Cash Conversion Cycle(Days)	751	718
Fund from Operations/Total Debt	0.08x	0.14x
Operating Cash Flow/Total Debt	0.22x	0.39x
Free Cash Flow/Total Debt	0.17x	0.39x
Total Debt/EBITDA	12.09x	7.27x

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APPENDIX C: SME RATING DETAILS

ACRSL SME RATING

Rating	Definition
AQSE-1 (Highest Grade)	ARGUS Quantitative Small Enterprise-1 is the Highest rating assigned to small enterprises by ARGUS Credit Rating Services Ltd (ACRSL)'s quantitative SE ratings model. When assigned this rating indicates the obligor, relative to other small enterprises, has exceptionally strong capacity to meet its financial obligations and it is highly unlikely that this capacity will be impacted adversely by foreseeable events.
AQSE-2 (High Grade)	ARGUS Quantitative Small Enterprise-2 is a Very High rating grade assigned to small enterprises by ARGUS Credit Rating Services Ltd (ACRSL)'s quantitative SE ratings model. When assigned, this rating indicates the obligor, relative to other small enterprises, has very strong capacity to meet its financial obligations and it is unlikely that this capacity will be impacted adversely by foreseeable events.
AQSE-3 (Good Grade)	ARGUS Quantitative Small Enterprise-3 is a High rating grade assigned to small enterprises by ARGUS Credit Rating Services Ltd (ACRSL)'s quantitative SE ratings model. When assigned, this rating indicates the obligor, relative to other small enterprises, has strong capacity to meet its financial obligations but may be vulnerable to adverse economic conditions.
AQSE-4 (Satisfactory Grade)	ARGUS Quantitative Small Enterprise-4 is a Good rating grade assigned to small enterprises by ARGUS Credit Rating Services Ltd (ACRSL)'s quantitative SE ratings model. When assigned, this rating indicates the obligor, relative to other small enterprises, has adequate capacity to meet its financial obligations but this capacity remains more vulnerable to adverse economic conditions.
AQSE-5 (Non-Investment Grade)	ARGUS Quantitative Small Enterprise-5 is a Non-Investment rating grade assigned to small enterprises by ARGUS Credit Rating Services Ltd (ACRSL)'s quantitative SE ratings model. When assigned, this rating indicates the obligor, relative to other small enterprises, has weak capacity and may rely on alternative sources to meet its financial obligations, and is substantially vulnerable to adverse economic conditions that may impair ability to meet such obligations in the future.
AQSE-6 (Highly vulnerable)	ARGUS Quantitative Small Enterprise-6 is a Highly Vulnerable rating grade assigned to small enterprises by ARGUS Credit Rating Services Ltd (ACRSL)'s quantitative SE ratings model. When assigned this rating indicates the obligor is near to default and the degree of certainty regarding timely payment of financial obligations is doubtful unless circumstances improve.
AQSE-7 (Imminent Default)	ARGUS Quantitative Small Enterprise-7 is an Imminent default rating assigned to small enterprises by ARGUS Credit Rating Services Ltd (ACRSL)'s quantitative SE ratings model. When assigned this rating indicates The obligor is either currently in default or expected to be in default with high probability. The obligor with this rating is unlikely to meet maturing financial obligations.
AQSE-8 (Default Grade)	ARGUS Quantitative Small Enterprise-8 is a Default rating assigned to small enterprises by ARGUS Credit Rating Services Ltd (ACRSL)'s quantitative SE ratings model. When assigned, this rating indicates the obligor already failed to meet its financial obligations and may have entered bankruptcy proceedings.

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