Summary: HD Supply Inc. Oct 12

Description: Abstract
The ratings on privately owned HD Supply reflect the company's "satisfactory" business risk profile as a major industrial distributor of infrastructure and energy, maintenance, repair and improvement, and specialty construction products. The rating also reflects the company's "highly leveraged" financial risk profile and the impact on its operating performance arising from the protracted weakness in U.S. construction activity. However, the company's business-line diversity, leading market positions, and operational scale to weather the construction downturn partly offset these factors. Although Standard & Poor's Ratings Services remains cautious about the potential recovery in the construction cycle, HD Supply continues to expand its share of sales in the maintenance, repair, and operations (MRO) and infrastructure markets and reduce the effect of the weak...

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- HD Supply Inc.

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