Summary: Caraustar Industries Inc. May 02

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The ratings reflect Caraustar Industries Inc.’s below average business profile, its leading positions in various segments of the recycled paperboard market, limited product diversity, and an aggressive financial policy. Austell, Ga.-based Caraustar manufactures 100% recycled paperboard, which is converted into folding cartons, tubes and cores, gypsum wallboard facing paper, and specialty items such as puzzle pieces. Industry overcapacity continues to produce low operating rates and constant pricing pressure. In addition, paperboard markets are mature and recycled paperboard is subject to product substitution. Demand for Caraustar’s products is primarily driven by consumer spending and industrial production, and the latter has recently been one of the weakest segments of the economy. Meaningful volume improvement is unlikely until the U.S. economy recovers. Caraustar...

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