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**Singapore Commercial Credit Bureau appointed by
Building and Construction Authority as official credit rating
services provider**
- Singapore Commercial Credit Bureau

Singapore, 21 June 2023 – Singapore Commercial Credit Bureau (SCCB), a subsidiary under Credit Bureau Asia (CBA) Limited, a credit and risk information solutions provider in Southeast Asia – has announced its official appointment by the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) to assist Government agencies in assessing the financial capabilities of firms participating in public sector construction tenders.

The appointment involves the provision of credit rating reports of Contractors Registration System (CRS) firms for a period of two years from 2023 to 2024. The CRS is a contractors' registry managed by BCA that serves public sector construction procurement needs. Firms must register with the CRS to be eligible to tender for public sector construction or construction-related projects. The credit rating will be derived based on established methodologies and the annual submission of audited financial accounts to BCA as part of CRS requirements.

"We are very excited to be collaborating with BCA in establishing greater credit transparency and fostering trust between government agencies and private sector firms in an increasingly complex environment. The nature of business intelligence is evolving rapidly and the need for more accurate insights in risk mitigation has become ever more critical. Over the past decades, we have spearheaded collaborations with various sectors including telecommunications, utilities and financial institutions in stepping up their credit risk management efforts. Historically speaking, the building and construction sector has also faced challenges in terms of cashflows and payment of debt obligations to their creditors. We believe that this appointment by BCA is timely and will further strengthen the credit risk efforts as well as educate players within the building and construction sector about the importance of establishing their creditworthiness." commented Ms. Audrey Chia, SCCB's Chief Executive Officer.

According to SCCB’s payment study, construction firms accounted for the highest average proportion of slow payments in 2022 at 55.75 per cent as compared to other sectors.

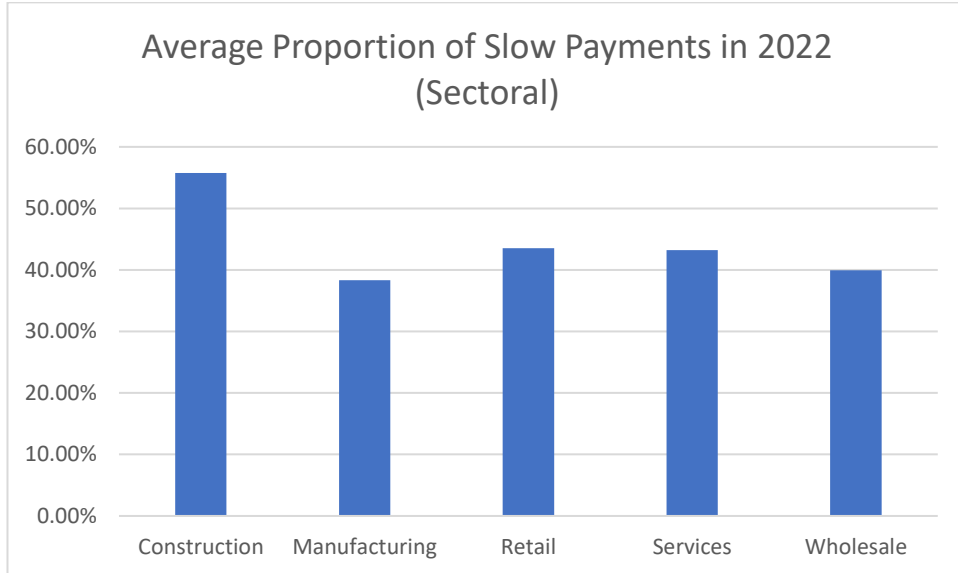


Figure 1. Average Proportion of Slow Payments in 2022

Under the Credit Assessment (CA) Rating system, firms are rated on a scale from 1 to 6, with CA1 having the lowest risk of default and CA6 having the highest. According to SCCB, a firm’s CA Rating is determined holistically considering both financial and non-financial factors¹.

“The SCCB Credit Rating report provides a holistic credit assessment based on data which reflects a firm’s historical performance as well as their propensity for payment delinquency. We believe that the comprehensive information in the Credit Rating report will afford government agencies crucial business insights and more importantly, the early identification of the underlying credit risks of higher-grade CRS firms.” added Ms. Chia.

¹ For more details on CA Rating, please visit SCCB’s website (<https://sccb.com.sg/credit-risk-report/credit-rating-approach-andmethodology/>).

Interpretation of Credit Rating

CA Rating	Risk Level	Capacity to undertake projects	Probability of Default
CA1	Minimal	Strong	<0.01
CA2	Low	Good	0.58
CA3	Average	Fair	1.03
CA4	Above Average	Limited	1.33
CA5	Fairly High	Weak	2.91
CA6	High	Very Weak	4.44

Table 1. Interpretation of Credit Rating

About Singapore Commercial Credit Bureau

Established in 2005, Singapore Commercial Credit Bureau (SCCB) is a subsidiary of Credit Bureau Asia Limited, a credit and risk information solutions provider in Southeast Asia. SCCB operates a database of local enterprises and their credit history to provide clients with the insight needed to build trust and improve the quality of business relationships with their customers, suppliers and business partners. SCCB is also an operator of Telco Credit Bureau Singapore (TCBS).

About Credit Bureau Asia Limited (www.creditbureauasia.com)

CBA is a leading player in the credit and risk information solutions market in Southeast Asia, providing credit and risk information solutions to an extensive client base of banks, financial institutions, multinational corporations, telecommunication companies, government bodies and public agencies, local enterprises and individuals across Singapore, Malaysia, Cambodia and Myanmar. CBA’s business has two core segments, the FI Data Business and the Non-FI Data Business, covering both consumer and commercial credit risk information.

The Group, together with its joint ventures, is currently the dominant market leader in Singapore’s FI Data Business and the sole market player in Cambodia’s and Myanmar’s FI Data Business. Depending on the territory involved, these credit bureaus operate to provide their subscribing members, mainly banks and financial institutions, with access to credit information on consumers or business entities, all of which are generated from up-to-date credit information contributed by subscribing members. As at 30 June 2020, the Group has close to 200 financial institution members across Singapore and Cambodia which include banks, microfinance institutions, leasing companies and rural credit operators.

For its Non-FI Data Business, the Group has more than 6,000 customers (including multinational corporations and small and medium-sized enterprises) and access to a database covering more than 330 million business records globally as at 6 November 2020. CBA’s Non-FI Data Business operates in Singapore and Malaysia, where customers can access a wide range of business information and risk management services, sales and marketing solutions, commercial insights and other services, using data sourced from a variety of publicly accessible registries and Dun & Bradstreet’s extensive international network as well as information contributed by businesses which subscribe to CBA’s payment bureau services.

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