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Long Term International Foreign Currency	: BB+ /(Stable Outlook)
Long Term International Local Currency	: BB+ /(Stable Outlook)
Long Term National Local Rating	: BBB- (Trk) /(Stable Outlook)
Short Term International Foreign Currency	: B /(Stable Outlook)
Short Term International Local Currency	: B /(Stable Outlook)
Short Term National Local Rating	: A-1 (Trk) /(Stable Outlook)
Sponsor Support	: 3
Stand Alone	: BC

Altınyağ, active principally in the vegetable oil production industry since 1962, continues its operations with its consolidated subsidiaries under the name of "**Gürtaş Tarım Enerji Yatırımları Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş.**" and unconsolidated subsidiaries under the name of "**Altınyağ Biodizel Petrol Ürünleri Enerji Üretim A.Ş.**". Until the end of FY2012, the vast majority of the Group's activities focused on the production and trade of sunflower, canola, corn, soybean and linseed oils as well the production and trade of animal feeds. In line with the updated investment strategies since the end of FY2012, the Company has exited the production of refined and packaged vegetable oil and focused on the production of crude oil and semi-refined vegetable oil for the production of biodiesel fuel. The Company is listed on the stock market and the majority of shares belong to the **Çevik Family** following changes in its shareholder structure in FY2011.

The oligopolistic structure of the refined and vegetable oil market, intense competition, low profit margins, high production and input costs as well as the high dependence of the sector on imports have had a negative impact on the Company's operations. The Company has been unable to turn around a profit in the last 4 financial years due to the independence of the Company's growth from the growth in sales, downward pressure exerted by internal resource generation on growth and equity, negative net working capital and high volatility of the Turkish Lira in the international currency markets.

On the other hand, following changes in its shareholder structure in FY2011, the Group suspended the production of packaged oils and concentrated its efforts on the crude oil segment of the market, which is less competitive and offers higher profit margins and large growth potential both locally and internationally. The high levels of net cash flows these plans are expected to generate together with the consistency of the business plans with the macroeconomic market expectations have played a major role in the assignment of the long-term outlook as "**Stable**". The Company has focused on organic growth in the future due to the rise in crude oil prices globally and the opportunities this market entails. As a result of all these developments, the Company has started to generate profitability, successfully turning its net working capital positive. On the other hand, in line with the rise in the Group's operating activities, planned issue of bonds and related debt instruments in the capital markets from FY2013 onwards will play an important role in diversifying the Group's revenue streams. The net cash flows these plans will generate will make a net positive contribution to the Group's growth and be in line with its fiscal structure and market expectations.

JCR Eurasia is of the opinion that the company's shareholders have the financial strength to provide the Company with liquidity and equity as well as lending operational support should the need arise. However, at present, there happens to be no private or public authorities responsible for regulating the vegetable oil industry and preventing the formation of possible systemic risks in the market. Taking all these factors into consideration, the Sponsor Support grade of **Altınyağ** has been assigned as **(3)**. On the other hand, it is estimated that the transformation in the Company's operating activities together with the maintenance of its current market share helped by its established brand-value and capitalization level will provide the Company with the necessary foundations and expertise to manage incurred risks and other liabilities. As such, the Stand Alone grade of **Altınyağ** has been assigned as **(BC)** based on the **JCR Eurasia** notation system.

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