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**Risk Rating**

Risk Score	Risk Level
9-16	High Risk
4-8	Medium Risk
1-4	Low Risk

**Risk Matrix**

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Likely	3	3	6	9	12
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