

Kisan Laghubitta Bittiya Sanstha Limited
(Erstwhile NRN Laghubitta Bittiya Sanstha Ltd)

Rating

Facilities/Instrument	Amount (Rs. in Million)	Ratings ¹	Rating Action
Issuer Rating	NA	CARE-NP B+ (Is): ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* [Single B Plus (Issuer); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*]	Revised from CARE-NP BB- (Is); Moved to Issuer not cooperating Category and put on Notice of Withdrawal

CARE Ratings Nepal Limited (CRNL) has been seeking information from Kisan Laghubitta Bittiya Sanstha Limited (KLBS) to monitor the ratings vide e-mail communications/ letters dated January 19, 2023, March 03, 2023, March 13, 2023, March 23, 2023, April 05, 2023, April 16, 2023, April 23, 2023 and May 11, 2023 along with numerous phone calls. However, despite our repeated requests, the company has not provided the requisite information for monitoring the ratings. In line with the extant Securities Board of Nepal (SEBON) guidelines, CRNL has reviewed the rating on the basis of the best available information which however, in CRNL's opinion is not sufficient to arrive at a fair rating. CRNL will monitor/watch the rating once for a minimum period of 6 months and notify the Securities Board of Nepal (SEBON) and public with regards to the withdrawal of rating. If after the monitoring of the rating there is no cooperation from the Client, then after, CRNL may withdraw the rating.

The issuer rating of Kisan Laghubitta Bittiya Sanstha Limited will now be denoted as **CARE-NP B+(Is): ISSUER NOT COOPERATING***.

Users of this rating (including investors, lenders and the public at large) are hence requested to exercise caution while using the above rating.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

The issuer rating has been revised taking into account non-cooperation by KLBS with CARE'S efforts to undertake a review of the rating outstanding. CARE views information availability risk as a key factor in its assessment of credit risk.

Please refer for detailed rationale published in August 2022 on www.careratingsnepal.com

About the Company

Kisan Laghubitta Bittiya Sanstha Limited (KLBS) (Former NRN Laghubitta Bittiya Sanstha Limited) is a "D" class National Level microfinance institution. It was incorporated on January 21, 2019 as NRN Laghubittiya Sanstha Limited and later as on January 6, 2021 the name was changed to KLBSL. It is promoted by individuals from different background and is primarily engaged in providing microfinance loan based on the Joint Liability Group (JLG) model with each group consisting of minimum six members. The company was merged with 4 microfinance entities named Creative Laghubitta Bittiya Sanstha Limited, Ramaroshan Laghubitta Bittiya Sanstha Limited, Kisan Microfinance Bittiya Sanstha Limited and Divya Laghubitta Bittiya Sanstha Limited.

¹Complete definitions of the ratings assigned are available at www.careratingsnepal.com and in other CRNL publications.

*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information

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