

Upper Hewa Khola Hydropower Company Limited

Ratings

Facilities/ Instrument	Amount (Rs. in Million)	Ratings ¹	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	986.50	CARE-NP BB-: ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* [Double BB Minus; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*]	Revised from CARE-NP BB; Moved to Issuer Not Cooperating category and put on notice of withdrawal
Total Facilities	986.50 (Eight Hundred Million Only)		
Issuer Rating	NA	CARE-NP BB- (Is): ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* [Double BB Minus (Issuer Ratings); ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*]	Revised from CARE-NP BB (Is); Moved to Issuer Not Cooperating category and put on notice of withdrawal

**Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information*

CARE Ratings Nepal Limited (CRNL) has been seeking information from Upper Hewa Khola Hydropower Company Limited (UHHCL) to monitor the ratings vide e-mail communications/ letters dated February 22, 2023, April 05, 2023, June 25, 2023 and June 30, 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 bank loan rating of UHHCL will now be denoted as **CARE-NP BB-/ ISSUER NOT COOPERATING***, (**Notice of withdrawal**). The issuer rating of UHHCL will now be denoted **CARE-NP BB-(Is)/ ISSUER NOT COOPERATING***, (**Notice of withdrawal**).

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 long-term rating and Issuer rating has been revised taking into account non-cooperation by UHHCL 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.

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

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

About the Company

Upper Hewakhola Hydropower Company Ltd. (UHHCL) is a public company, incorporated as on March 13, 2012 as Upper Hewakhola Hydropower Pvt. Ltd. Later on, it converted to a public company on June 6, 2018. It is promoted by institutional as well as individual promoters from different backgrounds for setting up of an 8.5 MW run-of-river Upper Hewakhola Small Hydropower Project under BOOT (Build, Own, Operate and Transfer) model located at Sankhuwasabha district of Nepal.

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