

## Annexure II

### **CARE Ratings Nepal Symbols for Bank Facilities Rating in Nepal**

#### **1. Rating Symbols for Long Term Instruments**

<b>Symbols</b>	<b>Rating Definition</b>
CARE-NP AAA	Instruments with this rating are considered to have the highest degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations, in Nepal. Such instruments carry lowest credit risk.
CARE-NP AA	Instruments with this rating are considered to have high degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations, in Nepal. Such instruments carry very low credit risk.
CARE-NP A	Instruments with this rating are considered to have adequate degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations, in Nepal. Such instruments carry low credit risk.
CARE-NP BBB	Instruments with this rating are considered to have moderate degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations, in Nepal. Such instruments carry moderate credit risk.
CARE-NP BB	Instruments with this rating are considered to have moderate risk of default regarding timely servicing of financial obligations, in Nepal.
CARE-NP B	Instruments with this rating are considered to have high risk of default regarding timely servicing of financial obligations, in Nepal.
CARE-NP C	Instruments with this rating are considered to have very high risk of default regarding timely servicing of financial obligations, in Nepal.
CARE-NP D	Instruments with this rating are in default or are expected to be in default soon.

*Note:* Modifiers {"+" (plus) / "-" (minus)} can be used with the rating symbols for the categories CARE-NP AA to CARE-NP C. The modifiers reflect the comparative standing within the category.

#### **2. Rating Symbols for Short Term Instruments**

<b>Symbols</b>	<b>Rating Definition</b>
CARE-NP A1	Instruments with this rating are considered to have very strong degree of safety regarding timely payment of financial obligations, in Nepal. Such instruments carry lowest credit risk.
CARE-NP A2	Instruments with this rating are considered to have strong degree of safety regarding timely payment of financial obligations, in Nepal. Such instruments carry low credit risk.
CARE-NP A3	Instruments with this rating are considered to have moderate degree of safety regarding timely payment of financial obligations, in Nepal. Such instruments carry higher credit risk as compared to instruments rated in the two higher categories.
CARE-NP A4	Instruments with this rating are considered to have minimal degree of safety regarding timely payment of financial obligations, in Nepal. Such instruments carry very high credit risk and are susceptible to default.
CARE-NP D	Instruments with this rating are in default or expected to be in default on maturity.

*Note:* Modifier {"+" (plus)} can be used with the rating symbols for the categories CARE-NP A1 to CARE-NP A4. The modifiers reflect the comparative standing within the category.



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