

## PRESS RELEASE

### LAMAHI ENERGY LIMITED

July 2026

#### Ratings

Instrument/Facilities	Amount (NPR Mn)	Ratings	Rating Action
Long Term Bank Facilities	1,590.00	IRN BB-	Assigned
Short Term Bank Facilities	50.00	IRN A4	Assigned
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,640.00</b>		

Details of facilities are in Annexure 1 below

Infomerics Credit Rating Nepal Limited (Infomerics Nepal) has assigned the rating of IRN BB- (Double B Minus) to the long-term bank facilities of NPR 1,590.00 Mn and IRN A4 (A Four) to the short-term bank facilities of NPR 50.00 Mn.

#### Detailed Rationale

The ratings assigned to the bank facilities of Lamahi Energy Limited (LEL) derive strength from the presence of an experienced Board of Directors and resourceful promoter group with a collective track record in infrastructure and renewable energy. The offtake and tariff risks are significantly moderated by a long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) for a 25-year operational life at a competitive fixed tariff of NPR 5.94 per kWh. Furthermore, the rating factors in the strong commitment of promoters who have already infused approximately ~72% of the required project equity (NPR 285.50 Mn including advance share capital of NPR 203 Mn) and successfully achieved financial closure. The rating also considers the favorable Government of Nepal (GoN) support for the energy generation sector, including a 10-year 100% income tax holiday. However, the rating is primarily constrained by the project implementation risk associated with the under-construction 30 MW Rapti Dobhan Solar Project, which has achieved approximately 32% financial progress (including advances) as of Mid-June 2026. The project is exposed to solar irradiation variability and potential hydrological risks due to the site's proximity to the West Rapti River, though this is addressed through a proposed 900-meter embankment and a 1-meter clearance above ground for foundations. Going forward, the ability of the company to manage foreign exchange fluctuation risks related to technical imports and complete the project without any time or cost overruns will remain key rating sensitivities.

#### Detailed Description of Key Rating Drivers

##### Key Rating Strengths

##### Experienced and resourceful board of directors

LEL is a special purpose vehicle primarily promoted by Ramesh Corp. (39.22%), Gogreen Energy (26%), and the Anil Rungta Group (34.78%). Ramesh Corp. is a prominent, diversified business group in Nepal, bringing significant financial resources and cross-industry business acumen to the project. The board of directors offer deep expertise in renewable energy and infrastructure, led by Chairman Mr. Sushil Gupta, Director Mr. Rajan Dhital, and Director Mr. Dinesh Karmacharya. The collective experience of the directors is expected to bolster the successful implementation and subsequent operation of the project.

##### Low tariff and offtake risks with presence of a long-term PPA

The entire energy generated by the 30 MW AC (37.499 MWp DC) Rapti Dobhan Solar Project will be sold to the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) under a long-term PPA signed on November 17, 2025. The agreement specifies a fixed, predetermined tariff of NPR 5.94 per kWh (determined via competitive bidding) for a 25-year operational life, providing high revenue certainty and eliminating the volatility of seasonal rate variations. The annual contracted energy is 59.26 Mn units (MU), with

a minimum supply obligation of 15% CUF (approx. 39.42 MU) per fiscal year. Offtake risk is significantly moderated as the counterparty is the national utility, and the project is targeted for completion within its Required Commercial Operation Date (RCOD) of November 16, 2027. The generated energy will be evacuated through a 4 km long, 33 kV double-circuit transmission line to a new 132/33 kV interconnection bay at the existing NEA Lamahi Substation.

## **Improving market demand with Government support for the power sector**

The Government of Nepal (GoN) has increasingly prioritized the renewable energy sector to enhance energy security and reduce dependency on fossil fuels. To achieve this goal, NEA awarded bids for 960 MW of grid-connected solar plants through tariff-based competitive bidding in FY25, leveraging solar power's seasonal complementarity to hydropower. The sector is further supported by favorable fiscal policies, including a 100% income tax holiday for the first 10 years of commercial operation, followed by a 50% concession for the next five years. These initiatives, combined with the Nepal Rastra Bank's designation of energy as a priority lending sector and the expansion of cross-border transmission infrastructure, make the demand outlook for the Nepalese solar industry highly promising.

## **Key Rating Weaknesses**

### **Project implementation risk**

The company is constructing the 30 MW AC (37.499 MWp DC) Rapti Dobhan Solar Project, which is in the active construction and procurement phase with approximately 32% financial progress achieved (including advances provided) as of Mid-June, 2026. The total estimated cost of the project after interest during construction (IDC) is ~NPR 1,990 Mn, equivalent to ~NPR 66 Mn per MW, which is being financed in a debt-to-equity ratio of 80:20. The company has awarded major fixed-price contracts, including the EPC contract. While major equipment like solar modules is already in transit from China, the project remains exposed to standard execution risks and the necessity of completing the 4.18 km transmission line within the envisaged timeline.

### **Solar irradiation risk associated with solar powered project**

The company is setting up a 30 MW AC (37.499 MWp DC) solar power plant utilizing 57,692 units of high-efficiency JA Solar N-type bifacial monocrystalline modules (650 Wp each). As per the signed PPA, the project has a contracted annual energy of 59.26 MU. The generation is subject to an annual power degradation rate of 1% in the first year and 0.4% per annum in subsequent years over its 25-year operational life. Although the site benefits from a strong average Global Horizontal Irradiance (GHI) of 5.36 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day, the power generation remains exposed to irradiation variability induced by seasonality, with peak yields expected between March and May and climatic conditions such as the monsoon, which could impact the plant's overall annual energy generation.

### **Foreign exchange fluctuation risk**

LEL faces foreign exchange fluctuation risk because a substantial portion of the project's capital expenditure for the 30 MW Rapti Dobhan Solar Project is denominated in foreign currencies, specifically, the procurement of JA Solar PV modules and the string inverters.

**Analytical Approach:** Standalone

### **Applicable Criteria:**

[Private Power Producers Rating Methodology](#)

### **About the Company:**

Lamahi Energy Limited (LEL) was established in January 2025 as a public limited company to build, own, and operate the 30 MW AC (37.499 MWp DC) Rapti Dobhan Solar Project in Lamahi Municipality, Dang District of Nepal. The entire power generated by the project is intended for sale to the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) under a 25-year long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) at a fixed tariff of NPR 5.94 per kWh. As of June 14, 2026, key shareholders and their total current investments

(comprising paid-up and advance share capital) include Gogreen Energy Ltd. (NPR 74.23 Mn), Sushil Gupta (NPR 63.83 Mn), Anil Kumar Rungta (NPR 60.0 Mn), Dinesh Karmacharya (NPR 25.75 Mn), Prakash Kafle (NPR 11.19 Mn) and Rajan Dhital (NPR 11.19 Mn). These six shareholders collectively hold approximately 86% of the total invested capital.

## Annexure:1 Detail of Facilities:

Name of Instruments/ Facilities	Type of Facilities	Amount (NPR Mn)	Rating
Fund Based Bank Facilities - Term Loan	Long Term	1,590.00	IRN BB-
Fund Based Working Capital Limits	Short Term	50.00	IRN A4
<b>Total Facilities</b>		<b>1,640.00</b>	

## Analyst Contacts

### Ms. Neha Tamrakar

Tel No.+977-1-4583304/4585906

[neha.tamrakar@infomericsnepal.com](mailto:neha.tamrakar@infomericsnepal.com)

### Mr. Sujan Rimal

Tel No.+977-1-4583304/4585906

[sujan.rimal@infomericsnepal.com](mailto:sujan.rimal@infomericsnepal.com)

## Relationship Contact

### Mr. Rabin Pudasaini

Tel No.+977-1-4583304/4585906

[rabin.pudasaini@infomericsnepal.com](mailto:rabin.pudasaini@infomericsnepal.com)

## About Infomerics Credit Rating Nepal Limited:

Infomerics Credit Rating Nepal Ltd. is Nepal's third Credit Rating Agency licensed by the Securities Board of Nepal (SEBON) on March, 2022. Infomerics Nepal is a subsidiary of Infomerics Valuation and Rating Private Limited (Infomerics India) which is a SEBI registered and RBI accredited Credit Rating Agency licensed in 2015. Infomerics Nepal aims to provide investors with objective analysis and evaluation of credit worthiness of Banks, NBFCs, Large Corporates and Small and Medium Scale Units (SMUS) via its rating and grading services. Thus, it is playing a key role in serving the financial markets by reducing the information asymmetry among varied lenders and investors and facilitating borrowers/issuers to various fundraising opportunities/avenues. Infomerics observes and maintains ethical standards in its activities. For more information, visit <https://infomericsnepal.com/>.

## Infomerics Credit Rating Nepal Limited

Tanka Prasad Marga, Baneshwor Height, Kathmandu

Phone: +977-1-4583304/4585906

Email: [info@infomericsnepal.com](mailto:info@infomericsnepal.com)

Web: [www.infomericsnepal.com](http://www.infomericsnepal.com)

**Disclaimer:** Ratings assigned by Infomerics Nepal are an opinion on the credit risk of the issue / issuer and not a recommendation to buy, hold or sell securities. Infomerics Nepal reserves the right to change, suspend or withdraw the credit ratings at any point in time. Ratings assigned by Infomerics Nepal are opinions on financial statements based on information provided by the management and information obtained from sources believed by it to be accurate and reliable. The credit quality ratings are not recommendations to sanction, renew, disburse or recall the concerned bank facilities or to buy, sell or hold any security. We, however, do not guarantee the accuracy, adequacy or completeness of any information, which we accepted and presumed to be free from misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. We are not responsible for any errors or omissions or for the results obtained from the use of such information. Most entities whose bank facilities/instruments are rated by us have paid a credit rating fee, based on the amount and type of bank facilities/instruments. In case of partnership/proprietary concerns/Association of Persons (AOPs), the rating assigned by Infomerics Nepal is based on the capital deployed by the partners/proprietor/ AOPs and the financial strength of the firm at present. The rating may undergo change in case of withdrawal of capital or the unsecured loans brought in by the partners/proprietor/ AOPs in addition to the financial performance and other relevant factors.