



Brickwork Ratings (BWR) Announces the Appointment of Shri S Santhanam as Rating Criteria Committee Chairman

Brickwork Ratings is pleased to announce the appointment of Shri S Santhanam as the Chairman of their Rating Criteria Committee.

Shri Santhanam is a versatile and experienced Banker, having substantial exposure to Treasury, Forex, International Operations and Credit (Retail & Corporate) during his long tenure at Canara Bank. He has handled large credit portfolio at sanctioning & monitoring levels at two major operation areas of the Bank viz. Kolkata & Bangalore. He has also expertise in international banking and finance and has worked with international and domestic regulators in compliance and legal matters relating to the Bank. Considering Sh. Santhanam's rich experience, he was assigned the job of handling and heading treasury operations on a secondment for three years at another Public Sector Bank. He retired as General Manager-International Operations & Secretary to the Board from Canara Bank and subsequently worked as Advisor to the Bank.

Mr. Vivek Kulkarni, IAS (Retd.), Managing Director of Brickwork Ratings said, *"We envisage Shri Santhanam's engagement with Brickwork Ratings' Criteria Committee would further strengthen our organization."*

Shri Santhanam said *"Seasoned bankers have been the backbone of Brickwork Ratings. Brickwork has earned a good reputation in a short time and I am happy to be associated with it."*

About Brickwork Ratings

Brickwork Ratings has been registered as a credit rating agency with the *Securities and Exchange Board of India* as well as the *Reserve Bank of India*. *National Small Industries Corporation* has approved BWR for rating MSME units. *NABARD* has also empaneled Brickwork

for MFI and NGO grading.

BWR has rated over 10,000 issues amounting to Rs. 870,000 crores in Non-convertible debentures (NCD), Basel II and III Bank Loan ratings, for working capital, term loan and project finance. BWR also rates commercial paper and PPMLD- principal protected market linked debentures and other structured products.

BWR has rated a number of major public sector organizations and private players in the market. The company has also rated a large number of MSMEs as well as completed grading of IPOs, NGOs, Educational Institutions, MNREs, Tourism & Real Estate projects of number of entities.

Brickwork Ratings has *Canara Bank*, a Nationalized Bank with total business of over Rs. 8.23 lakh crore, as its promoter and strategic partner.

Brickwork has its Corporate Office in Bengaluru and branch offices at Mumbai, New Delhi, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Ahmedabad and Guwahati, besides having representatives in 70 other cities in India.

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