

NERL crosses ₹2000 Cr. worth of loans against eNWR

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04 January 2022, MUMBAI: National E-Repository Limited (NERL), an NCDEX group company and a WDRA (Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority) regulated entity has facilitated loans worth more than ₹2000 Crores against electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (eNWR). The first loan disbursed or pledge financed against eNWR on the NERL platform was in March 2018. NERL manages and facilitates the usage of eNWR – a digital form of Negotiable Warehouse Receipt across 13 states and 1 union territory. eNWR enables linkages to various electronic platforms like eNAM, NCDEX, NeML, etc. for trade. Currently, 40 National, Regional and Local presence Banks are offering loans against eNWR across the country.

NERL OVERVIEW

Total client accounts: Over 6,600

Banks on board: 40

Total Quantity deposited: Over 36 Lakh MT

Total eNWR generated: Over 4 Lakh

Happy to achieve this milestone, **Mr. Kedar Deshpande, MD & CEO, NERL** said, *“This milestone is a result of the collective efforts of all stake holders of the WDRA-eNWR ecosystem.”* He further explained, *“This will pave the way to bring liquidity/finance and trade at a warehouse level. The ecosystem has the potential to enable the Government to track the private stock available in the country and take informed decisions for market intervention. Meanwhile, Banks being a regulated entity (by RBI), would also prefer to work with WDRA regulated warehouses to reduce their credit risks, as the collateral that needs to be pledged is stored in these warehouses.”*

This year regulators, banks and the Government encouraged the use of eNWRs for financing stored commodities in WDRA registered warehouses. eNWR is bringing liquidity and trade at a warehouse level for helping farmers, FPOs and other market intermediaries. Currently, 28% of client accounts with NERL are Farmer/FPO accounts and approximately ₹87 Cr. worth of loans have been disbursed against eNWR to farmer/FPO accounts on the NERL platform.

The first pledge was financed against eNWR in March 2018. The first milestone of ₹1000 Cr. worth of loans was met in March 2021. However, the next significant milestone of ₹2000 Cr. has been achieved in January 2022, within 9 months. NERL officially commenced its operations in 2017 and developed its in-house capabilities and technology for generating eNWRs under the regulation of WDRA. Following this, as per the SEBI directive, all NCDEX settlements were managed through eNWRs on the NERL platform. WDRA has also made it mandatory for all its registered warehouses to issue any Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (NWRs) only in electronic form on the Repository systems. This has brought in a significant level of transparency and ease of doing business for the entire ecosystem.

ABOUT NATIONAL E-REPOSITORY LIMITED

National E-Repository Limited (NERL), a Repository that manages electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts, also known as eNWR, was incorporated by National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX), the largest Agri Commodity Derivatives Exchange, to provide a platform for issuing Negotiable Warehouse Receipts for commodities in electronic form. NERL, the Commodity Repository in India, started its operations on September 26, 2017 under aegis of Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA). The shareholders of NERL include the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), ICICI Bank Limited and State Bank of India apart from NCDEX. Such unique parentage makes it a unique proposition for the

repository to give services to the Indian agricultural market. It aims at ensuring the safety and soundness of electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (eNWR) by developing solutions that increase efficiency, minimize risk and reduce costs. NERL plays a quiet but central role in developing services which will continue to nurture the growing needs of the Indian commodity markets.

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