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#### ABSTRACT

The focus of the study is to identify the factors affecting share price of commercial banks in Nepal over the period of 2008/09 to 2014/15 using empirical analysis of a set of independent and dependent variable. In this study EPS, P/E, S, DY and DPR have been selected as independent variables and MPS has been taken as dependent variable. Linear multiple regression is used to determine whether the selected independent variables have influences the share price or not. The result indicates that earnings per share, price earnings ratio, dividend yield and dividend payout ratio have significant impact on the share price. Further, results of study indicated that earning per share is the strongest determinant of share price, so this study suggests that commercial banks have to increase their earnings per share.

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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

AGM	=	Annual General Meeting
ATM	=	Automated Teller Machine
BOD	=	Board of Directors
BVPS	=	Book Value Per Share
DPR	=	Dividend Payout Ratio
DPS	=	Dividend per Share
DSE	=	Dhaka Stock Exchange
DY	=	Dividend Yield
EBL	=	Everest Bank Limited
EPS	=	Earnings per Share
FIM	=	Financial Institution and Market
KSE	=	Karachi Stock Exchange
MPS	=	Market Price Per Share
NABIL	=	Nepal Arab Bank Limited
NRB	=	Nepal Rastra Bank
NEPSE	=	Nepal Stock Exchange
NIBL	=	Nepal Investment Bank Limited
P.E.	=	Probability Error
P/E	=	Price earnings ratio
PNB	=	Punjab Nation Bank
r	=	Correlation Coefficient

Rs.	=	Rupees
S	=	Size of the firm in terms of no. of staff
SBL	=	Shiddhartha Bank Limited
SEBON	=	Securities Exchange Board of Nepal
SEC	=	Securities Exchange Commission
S.E.E.	=	Standard Error of Estimate
S.D.	=	Standard Deviation
SPSS	=	Statistical Package for Social Science
ZSE	=	Zimbabwe Stock Exchange
&	=	and
%	=	Percentage