ICBC Luxembourg Branch Climate Bond

Post-Issuance Verification Statement

Beijing Zhongcai Green Financing Consultant Ltd.



Scope and Objectives

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd., (ICBC) Luxembourg Branch issued their first Certified Climate Bond (The Bond) in September, 2017.

Beijing Zhongcai Green Financing Consultant Ltd. (Zhongcai) has been commissioned by Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd. (ICBC), Luxembourg Branch to provide the post-issuance verification of the Bond as an independent and approved verifier under the CBS. The verification is performed in accordance with the CBS Version 2.1 and the assurance approach is in line with the *International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (ISAE 3000):* Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information.

The verification statement is based on information provided by the Issuer and the Issuer is responsible for the integrity, accuracy and timeliness of the information. The verification opinions shall not be interpreted as any indication or guarantee for relevant bond investment decisions. In no case may the opinions hereof operate as the interpretation or guarantee for economic performance of bonds, credit rating and actual utilization of the raised fund.



Work Undertaken

The verification team has conducted documents review, interviews with the management team of the Issuer and communications with relevant people to verify the consistency with CBS Version 2.1. The core matters for our assurance to the Bond are to the following subjects of the Bond:

- Identification of Nominated Projects & Assets,
- Eligibility of the Nominated Projects & Assets,
- Management of proceeds,
- Reporting on use of proceeds and project performance.

According to Annual Report and other supporting documents provided by ICBC Luxembourg Branch, the Issuer has allocated the Net Proceeds to Nominated Projects & Assets falling under the following Sector Criteria of the Climate Bonds Standard:

- 1. Solar (Version 2.0)
- 2. Wind (Version 1.0)
- 3. Low Carbon Transport (Version 1.0 including Criterion 5, Part (b), page 17: "No more than 50% on the share of fossil fuel freight t-km transported by the line")

A summary of the verification procedures in shown in the following table:

CBS Item	CBS Requirement	Verification Procedures
4	Nominated Projects & Assets	Review the Green Bond Framework for Industrial and Commercial Bank of China to ensure that the bond meet the CBS requirements.
		Review that the Nominated Projects & Assets meet the eligibility criteria set out in the Solar, Wind and Low Carbon Transport Criteria of the CBS.
		Review the Declaration made by ICBC Luxembourg Branch to determine the Nominated Projects & Assets had not been nominated to other Certified Climate Bonds.
5	Use of Proceeds	Confirm all the Net Proceeds were used for refinancing. Review Internal accounts systems to ensure all proceeds are earmarked to Nominated Projects & Assets. Review allocation of the Net Proceeds of the Bond to confirm that the Net Proceeds of the Bond were allocated to Nominated Projects & Assets within 24 months of issuance of the Bond.



6	Non-	Review internal accounts systems to ensure all proceeds	
U	Contamination of Proceeds	are earmarked to Nominated Projects & Assets.	
7	Confidentiality	The information about the Nominated Projects & Assets were provided to the Verifier and are available to CBI if required.	
8	Reporting	Review ICBC's Annual Report on the nominated projects/assets to bondholders against the CBS requirements	
9	Climate Bond Taxonomy	Review Nominated Projects & Assets against CBI eligibility taxonomy of the Solar, Wind and Low Carbon Transport.	
10	Technical Criteria	The Bond is certified under the Solar, Wind and Low Carbon Transport Criteria. All the Nominated Projects & Assets meet the specific eligibility criteria of the relevant Sector-Specific Criteria documents.	
11	Project Holding	Review the Nominated Projects & Assets of the Bond and the use of the proceeds to ensure that the total investment in the Nominated Projects & Assets is greater than the principal amount of the Climate Bond.	
12	Settlement Period	Review allocation of the Net Proceeds of the Bond to confirm that the Net Proceeds of the Bond were allocated to Nominated Projects & Assets within 24 months of issuance of the Bond.	
13	Earmarking	Review internal accounts systems to ensure all proceeds are earmarked to Nominated Projects & Assets.	



Verification Opinion

Beijing Zhongcai Green Financing Consultant Ltd. (Zhongcai) has performed the Post-issuance verification of the Bond in accordance with the Climate Bonds Standard Version 2.1 and the *International Standard on Assurance Engagements* 3000 (ISAE 3000): Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information.

The assurance procedures include documents review, interviews with the management team of the Issuer and communications with relevant people. Based on the limited assurance procedures conducted, nothing has come to our attention that the Bond is not in line with the requirements of the Climate Bonds Standard and the relevant Sector Criteria (Solar Version 2.0, Wind 1.0 and Low Carbon Transport Version 1.0).

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