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Introduction

In October 2018, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) issued a green bond (EUR 5-Year Fixed Rate Notes Due 2023) aimed at financing and refinancing expenditures related to green buildings and renewable energy generation. In May 2019, MUFG engaged Sustainalytics to review the projects funded through the issued green bond and provide an assessment as to whether the projects met the Use of Proceeds criteria and the Reporting commitments outlined in the Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Green Bond Framework (2018).¹

Evaluation Criteria

Sustainalytics evaluated the projects and assets funded through MUFG's 2018 green bond based on whether the projects and programmes:

1. Met the Use of Proceeds and Eligibility Criteria outlined in the Green Bond Framework; and
2. Reported on the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for each Use of Proceeds criteria outlined in the Green Bond Framework.

Table 1 lists the Use of Proceeds, Eligibility Criteria, and associated KPIs as per the framework.

Table 1: Use of Proceeds, Eligibility Criteria and Key Performance Indicators

Use of Proceeds	Eligibility Criteria	Key performance indicators
Green Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceeds of the green bonds may be allocated towards new and existing loans from MUFG Bank to eligible green buildings owned by J-REITs (Japanese Real Estate Investment Trusts) • The eligible green buildings are buildings which have received or will receive at least one of the following classifications within 24 months preceding the green bond issuance or reporting dates:² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LEED: Platinum or Gold (confined to buildings of which the CO2 emissions are trackable) - BREEAM: Outstanding or Excellent (confined to buildings of which CO2 emissions are trackable) - CASBEE: S Rank or A Rank (confined to buildings of which the CO2 emissions are trackable) 	<p>MUFG has committed to publishing an impact report annually, throughout the term of the bond, containing the following impact metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CO2 emission reduction

¹ The Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Green Bond Framework (2018):

https://www.sustainalytics.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/MUFG-Framework-Overview-and-Second-Party-Opinion_Final.pdf.

² The DBJ Green Building Certification Scheme only specifies the certification date by year without indicating the day/ month of the certification received. MUFG clarified that the green bond allocation may therefore target assets with DBJ Green Building Certification dates longer than 24 months, but no longer than three years.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DBJ Green Building Certification: 5 Stars or 4 Stars (confined to buildings of which the CO2 emissions are trackable) 	
Renewable Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceeds of the green bonds may be allocated towards new and existing eligible renewable energy projects, such as solar thermal power generation, solar photovoltaic power generation and onshore and offshore wind farm projects • All projects must meet the following eligibility criterion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expenditures related to the development construction, operation, or expansion of facilities for new and existing solar thermal power generation, solar photovoltaic power generation and onshore and offshore wind farm projects that are (i) determined as Category B or Category C in accordance with the Equator Principles, and (ii) signed within 24 months preceding the date of the green bond issuance or after the issuance. 	<p>MUFG has committed to publishing an impact report annually, throughout the term of the bond, containing the following impact metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CO2 emission reduction • kWh of power generated

Issuing Entity's Responsibility

MUFG is responsible for providing accurate information and documentation relating to the details of the projects that have been funded, including description of projects, estimated and realized costs of projects, and project impact.

Independence and Quality Control

Sustainalytics, a leading provider of ESG and corporate governance research and ratings to investors, conducted the verification of MUFG's Green Bond Use of Proceeds. The work undertaken as part of this engagement included collection of documentation from MUFG employees and review of documentation to confirm the conformance with the Green Bond Framework.

Sustainalytics has relied on the information and the facts presented by MUFG with respect to the Nominated Projects. Sustainalytics is not responsible nor shall it be held liable if any of the opinions, findings, or conclusions it has set forth herein are not correct due to incorrect or incomplete data provided by MUFG.

Sustainalytics made all efforts to ensure the highest quality and rigor during its assessment process and enlisted its Sustainability Bonds Review Committee to provide oversight over the assessment of the review.

Conclusion

Based on the limited assurance procedures conducted,³ nothing has come to Sustainalytics' attention that causes us to believe that, in all material respects, the reviewed bond projects, funded through proceeds of MUFG's Green Bond, are not in conformance with the Use of Proceeds and Reporting Criteria outlined in the Green Bond Framework. MUFG has disclosed to Sustainalytics that the proceeds of the green bond were fully allocated as of 29 March 2019.

³ Sustainalytics limited assurance process includes reviewing the documentation relating to the details of the projects that have been funded, including description of projects, estimated and realized costs of projects, and project impact, which were provided by the Issuer. The Issuer is responsible for providing accurate information. Sustainalytics has not conducted on-site visits to projects.

Detailed Findings

Table 2: Detailed Findings

Eligibility Criteria	Procedure Performed	Factual Findings	Error or Exceptions Identified
Use of Proceeds Criteria	Verification of the projects funded by the green bond in 2018 to determine if projects aligned with the Use of Proceeds Criteria outlined in the Green Bond Framework and above in Table 1. For a list of project categories funded, please refer to Appendix 1.	All projects reviewed complied with the Use of Proceeds criteria.	None
Reporting Criteria	Verification of the projects funded by the green bond in 2018 to determine if impact of projects was reported in line with the KPIs outlined in the Green Bond Framework and above in Table 1. For a list of KPIs reported please refer to Appendix 2.	All projects reviewed reported on relevant KPIs per Use of Proceeds criteria.	None

Appendix 1: Project Categories Reviewed

Project Category	Type and percentage of certification ⁴		Certification Date	All projects in category meet Use of Proceeds Criteria
	CASBEE	DBJ Green Building Certification		
Green Buildings	S Rank: 24% of all buildings allocated A Rank: 24% of all buildings allocated	5 Star: 16% of all buildings allocated 4 Star: 35% of all buildings allocated	Confirmed that all certifications were received either within last 24 months ⁵ of the bond issuance or post-issuance	Yes

Appendix 2: Project Impact Reviewed

Project Category	Annual CO2 emissions reduced by the green bond (t-CO2)	KPIs for all projects in category meet Reporting Criteria
Green Buildings	3,538.78	Yes

⁴ 4% of all buildings are double counted due to acquisition of both CASBEE and DBJ Green Building Certification.

⁵ Buildings with DBJ Green Building Certification may date longer than 24 months but no longer than three years.

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