# Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group

Type of Engagement: Annual Review

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#### Introduction

In 2024, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group ("MUFG" or the "Bank") issued a green bond (the "2024 Green Bond) and raised EUR 1,000 million (USD 1,136.29) to finance and refinance projects related to renewable energy. In June 2025, MUFG engaged Sustainalytics to review the projects financed with proceeds from the 2024 Green Bond (the "Nominated Expenditures") and provide an assessment as to whether they meet the use of proceeds criteria and whether MUFG complied with the reporting commitments in the MUFG Sustainable Finance Framework (the "Framework").¹ Sustainalytics provided a Second-Party Opinion on the Framework in July 2024.²

### **Evaluation Criteria**

Sustainalytics evaluated the Nominated Expenditures and MUFG's reporting based on whether they:

- 1. Meet the use of proceeds and eligibility criteria defined in the Framework; and
- Reported on at least one key performance indicator (KPI) for each use of proceeds category defined in the Framework.

Table 1: Use of Proceeds Categories, Eligibility Criteria and Associated KPIs

Use of Proceeds Category	Eligibility Criteria	Key Performance Indicators
Renewable Energy	Financing of new and existing eligible renewable energy projects that meet the following eligibility criteria:	
	Determined as Category B or Category C in accordance with the Equator Principles, and 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	<ul> <li>CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction</li> <li>kWh of power generated for renewable energy projects</li> </ul>

### Issuer's Responsibility

MUFG is responsible for providing accurate information and documentation relating to the details of the projects, including descriptions, amounts allocated and impact.

## **Independence and Quality Control**

Sustainalytics, a leading provider of ESG research and ratings, conducted the verification of the use of proceeds from the 2024 Green Bond. The work undertaken as part of this engagement included collection of documentation from MUFG and review of said documentation to assess conformance with the Framework.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> MUFG, "Sustainable Finance Framework", (2024), at: <a href="https://www.mufg.jp/dam/ir/fixed\_income/greenbond/pdf/fw202407\_en.pdf">https://www.mufg.jp/dam/ir/fixed\_income/greenbond/pdf/fw202407\_en.pdf</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sustainalytics, "Second-Party Opinion, MUFG Sustainable Finance Framework", (2024), at: https://www.mufg.jp/dam/ir/fixed\_income/greenbond/pdf/opinion202407\_en.pdf

Sustainalytics relied on the information and the facts presented by MUFG. Sustainalytics is not responsible nor shall it be held liable for any inaccuracies in the opinions, findings or conclusions herein 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 of the review.

### Conclusion

Based on the limited assurance procedures conducted,<sup>3</sup> nothing has come to Sustainalytics' attention that causes us to believe that, in all material respects, the Nominated Expenditures do not conform with the use of proceeds criteria and reporting commitments in the Framework. MUFG has disclosed to Sustainalytics that the proceeds from the 2024 Green Bond were fully allocated as of March 2025.

### **Detailed Findings**

**Table 2: Detailed Findings** 

Framework Requirements	Procedure Performed	Factual Findings	Error or Exceptions Identified
Use of Proceeds Criteria	Verification of projects to determine alignment with the use of proceeds criteria outlined in the Framework.	The Nominated Expenditures comply with the use of proceeds criteria.	None
Reporting Criteria	Verification of projects or assets to determine if impact was reported in line with the KPIs outlined in the Framework.	MUFG reported on at least one KPI per use of proceeds category.	None

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Sustainalytics' limited assurance process includes reviewing documentation relating to details of projects, as provided by the issuing entity, which is responsible for providing accurate information. These may include descriptions of projects, estimated and realized costs, and reported impact. Sustainalytics has not conducted on-site visits to projects.

# **Appendices**

# **Appendix 1: Allocation Reporting**

Table 3: Allocation of Proceeds from the 2024 Green Bond

Use of Proceeds Category	Project Type	Location	Number of Projects	Amount Allocated (USD million) <sup>4</sup>
		US	12	516.07
	Solar Photovoltaic Energy	Spain	1	72.57
		New Zealand	1	20.95
Renewable Energy	Wind (Onshore)	US	4	135.79
•		Japan	1	117.20
	Wind (Offshore)	France	2	217.45
		UK	1	56.26
Total Amount Allo	1,136.29			
Total Proceeds Un	0.00			
Total Net Proceed	1,136.29			

 $<sup>^4</sup>$  The USD/EUR exchange rate on March 31, 2025, was USD 1.00 = EUR 1.0840

# **Appendix 2: Reported Impact**

Table 4: Reported Impact from the 2024 Green Bond

Use of Proceeds Category	Project Type	Location	Number of Projects	Generation Capacity (MW)	Power Generated (kWh)	Avoided CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions
Renewable Energy	Solar Photovoltaic Energy	US	12	2,018.56 MW	3,006,033,595 kWh	1,515,041 tCO <sub>2</sub>
		Spain	1	415.80 MW	619,209,360 kWh	312,082 tCO <sub>2</sub>
		New Zealand	1	47.00 MW	69,992,400 kWh	35,276 tCO <sub>2</sub>
	Wind (Onshore)	US	4	862.60 MW	2,795,859,120 kWh	1,409,113 tCO <sub>2</sub>
	Wind (Offshore)	Japan	1	240.00 MW	883,008,000 kWh	445,036 tCO <sub>2</sub>
		France	2	984.00 MW	3,620,332,800 kWh	1,824,648 tCO <sub>2</sub>
		UK	1	882.00 MW	3,245,054,400 kWh	1,635,507 tCO <sub>2</sub>

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