

Industrial Bank Co., Ltd.

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Introduction

In 2018, Industrial Bank Co., Ltd. (Industrial Bank) issued the green bond aimed at financing eligible green projects, particularly in the areas of renewable energy and low carbon transportation. In 2021, Industrial Bank 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 Green Bond Framework for Industrial Bank Co., Ltd. (the "Framework").¹

Evaluation Criteria

Sustainalytics evaluated the projects and assets funded in 2018 based on whether the projects:

1. Met the Use of Proceeds and Eligibility Criteria outlined in the Green Bond Framework for Industrial Bank Co., Ltd.; and
2. Reported on at least one of the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for each Use of Proceeds criteria outlined in the Green Bond Framework for Industrial Bank Co., Ltd.

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

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Use of Proceeds	Eligibility Criteria	Key performance indicators (KPIs)
Renewable Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generation and transmission of energy from following sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Solar ○ Onshore wind ○ Tidal ○ Biomass ○ Hydropower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • kWh of power generated from renewable energy • Amount of CO₂ or standard coal equivalent avoided
Low Carbon and Low Emission Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric public transportation assets, systems, infrastructure, components and services, examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rail ○ Tram ○ Metro ○ Bus Rapid Transit ○ Systems (BTR) electric vehicles and hydrogen vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of CO₂ or standard coal equivalent avoided • Km of tracks or dedicated lanes built (applicable to Rail Tram, Metro and Bus Rapid Transit Systems) • No. of passenger transported (applicable to Rail Tram, Metro and Bus Rapid Transit Systems) • Amount of vehicles built or served (applicable to electric vehicles and hydrogen vehicles)

¹ The Green Bond Framework for Industrial Bank Co., Ltd. (November 2018 version) is available at: https://download.cib.com.cn/netbank/download/cn/notice/20181121_en_1.pdf

Issuing Entity's Responsibility

Industrial Bank is responsible for providing accurate information and documentation relating to the details of the projects that have been funded, including description of projects, amounts allocated, 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 Industrial Bank's Green Bond Use of Proceeds. The work undertaken as part of this engagement included collection of documentation from Industrial Bank employees and review of documentation to confirm the conformance with the Green Bond Framework for Industrial Bank Co., Ltd.

Sustainalytics has relied on the information and the facts presented by Industrial Bank 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 Industrial Bank.

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,² nothing has come to Sustainalytics' attention that causes us to believe that, in all material respects, the reviewed bond projects, funded through proceeds of Industrial Bank's Green Bond, are not in conformance with the Use of Proceeds and Reporting Criteria outlined in the Green Bond Framework for Industrial Bank Co., Ltd. Industrial Bank has disclosed to Sustainalytics that the proceeds of the green bond were fully allocated as of December 31, 2019.

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 for Industrial Bank Co., Ltd. and above in Table 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 for Industrial Bank Co., Ltd. and above in Table 1. For a list of KPIs reported please refer to Appendix 1.	All projects reviewed reported on at least one KPI per Use of Proceeds criteria.	None

² 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.

Appendix

Appendix 1: Impact Reporting by Eligibility Criteria

Use of Proceeds Category	Environmental Impact Reported by Eligibility Criteria ³	Net Bond Proceeds Allocation (USD in million) ⁴
Renewable Energy	Two onshore wind power projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CO₂ emissions Eq. avoided (tons/year): 54,736.22 • SO₂ Emission Eq. avoided (tons/year): 14.17 • NO_x Emission Eq. avoided (tons/year): 18.39 	34.06
Low Carbon and Low Emission Transportation	Three electrified metro projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CO₂ Emission Eq. avoided (tons/year): 7,922.47 	909.87

³ While Industrial Bank discloses the impact matrix both at the project and its share level in its Impact Report 2021, Sustainalytics notes that this reporting provides impact matrix at the Industrial Bank's share level.

⁴ Exchange rate applied: USD/RMB = 0.1441

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