

Rating-Agentur Expert RA assessment confirmed the opinion that the Center-invest Bank Green Bonds Framework (officially named as “Order and principles of placement of funds, raised through the issuance of “green bonds”) is credible and impactful, aligned with the four core components of the Green Bond Principles 2018. This opinion refers to the Center-invest Bank Green Bonds Framework in general, and to the specific bond issue with a nominal value of RUB 250 m and maturity of 1 year, with the planned issuance date 20.11.2019 on the Moscow Exchange (MOEX) (Registration Number 4B020602225B001P), and therefore we can confirm that this bond issue can be considered as green according to the Green Bond Principles 2018.

This opinion is based on the following assessment:

Use of proceeds:

We confirm that the planned eligible projects for the use of funds derived from this bond issuance are well aligned with the Green Bond Principles 2018 (GBP 2018). The categories of eligible projects are: (1) renewable energy, (2) energy efficiency and (3) clean transportation, which are in line with the GBP 2018 and have a positive environmental impact.

Project evaluation/ selection:

In our view, the process of project evaluation and selection followed by the Bank in its Green Bond Framework (GBF), which is applicable for this bond issuance, is in line with what is stated in the GBP 2018 and fully complies with what is expected from the market.

Management of proceeds:

We confirm that the management of proceeds expected from this bond issuance is in line with the GBP 2018 taking into account current state of green finance practices in Russia. The management of proceeds is characterized by handling the funds through a separate account and a green bond register, which is already planned to be created, revised on a quarterly basis and published by the Bank.

Reporting:

The green bond register (which will include all information necessary for identification of all eligible projects) will be used as a basis for reporting within the green bonds issuance. The Bank confirmed, that the information on the projects, financed by the green bonds proceeds will be included in the Annual environmental report of the Bank as a separate annex. The Bank has a track record of environmental reports publication since 2008. These reports are based on the international practices of the banking environmental reporting and can be verified or audited by external parties in the future. Therefore, we consider that the described procedure of reporting for this bond issuance is in line with the GBP 2018.

Report on the Second opinion of the Center-invest Bank is available at:

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This Second Opinion was based on the analysis of the information provided by the bond issuer. The following information was used: Bank's annual reports; Bank's environmental reports; Bank's presentation for investors; Bank's financial statements according to RAS and IFRS; Questionnaire provided by the Bank; Bank corporate governance and risk management documents (including ESP); Green Bonds Framework (GBF) of the Bank (officially named as "Order and principles of placement of funds, raised through the issuance of "green bonds"); Bank's Strategy for 2019-2020; Credit rating reports from Moody's Investors Service and ACRA Rating Agency (Russia); Expert RA Rating Agency (Russia) rankings; draft documents, describing the bonds issuance; additional materials provided by the Bank.

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