

AIB Green Bond Framework **Independent Limited Assurance Report**

22 February 2023

Independent Limited Assurance Report to AIB

AIB engaged Mazars to provide a limited assurance report in respect of Reported Information, pertaining to the allocation to eligible assets of an amount equal to bond proceeds of €3.25bn of Green Bond issuances (€1.0bn 30 September 2020 [ISIN: XS2230399441], €0.75bn 17 May 2021 [ISIN: XS2343340852], €0.75bn 04 July 2022 [ISIN: XS2491963638], €0.75bn 16 November 2022 [ISIN: XS2555925218]) as provided for in the AIB Green Bond Framework for the year ended 31 December 2022 (available online at <https://aib.ie>).

Our Conclusion

Based on procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the ‘Reported Information’ for the year ended 31 December 2022 has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Section 6 (Reporting) of the AIB Green Bond Framework.

This conclusion is to be read in the context of what is stated in the remainder of our report.

Reported Information

The scope of our work was limited to assurance over the information shown in Appendix 1 (the “Reported Information”). The Reported Information is set out in Appendix 1. Our assurance does not extend to information in respect of any other periods or to any other information included in the Annual Report 2022, Sustainability Report 2022 or disclosed online at <https://aib.ie>.

Professional Standards and Level of Assurance

We performed a limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) ‘Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information’, issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

Our Independence and Quality Control

We complied with the Institute of Chartered Accountants (CAI) Code of Ethics, which includes independence and other requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour. We apply International Standard on Quality Control (ROI) 1 and accordingly maintain a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements. Our work was carried out by an independent team with experience in sustainability reporting and assurance.

Reporting and Measurement Methodologies

The Reported Information needs to be read and understood together with the AIB Green Bond Framework Reporting requirements and Eligibility Criteria which can be found online at <https://aib.ie> which AIB is solely responsible for selecting and applying. The absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw to evaluate and measure non-financial

information allows for different, but acceptable, measurement techniques and can affect comparability between entities and over time. The Reporting requirements and Eligibility Criteria used are as at 31 December 2022.

Work Done

We are required to plan and perform our work in order to consider the risk of material misstatement of the Reported Information. In doing so, we:

- Conducted interviews with management and examined relevant documentation to obtain an understanding of the key processes, systems and controls in place over the preparation of the Allocation Report.
- Performed selected substantive testing of project files against eligibility criteria.
- Performed selected substantive testing of accounting and other relevant records.
- Reviewed the extraction of Allocation Report information from the green assets portfolio.
- Reviewed the Allocation Report for consistency with relevant bond issuance documentation.
- Reviewed listing of assets used in the Impact models for consistency with the green assets portfolio.

AIB's Responsibilities

AIB is responsible for:

- Designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls over information relevant to the preparation of Reported Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- Establishing objective Reporting requirements for preparing the Reported Information;
- Measuring and presenting the Reported Information based on the Reporting requirements and Eligibility Criteria detailed in the AIB Green Bond Framework; and
- The Reported Information - being the Allocation Report set out in Appendix 1 and available online at <https://aib.ie>.

Our Responsibilities

We are responsible for:

- Planning and performing the engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the 'Reported Information' for the year ended 31 December 2022 has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Section 6 (Reporting) of the AIB Green Bond Framework;
- Forming an independent conclusion, based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained; and
- Reporting our conclusion to the AIB.

This report, including our conclusions, has been prepared solely for AIB in accordance with the agreement between us, to assist AIB in reporting sustainability performance and activities relating to the Green Bond and Reported Information. We permit this report to be disclosed online at <https://aib.ie> for the year ended 31 December 2022, to assist AIB in respect of the Green Bond Framework Reporting requirements, by obtaining an independent limited assurance report pertaining to the allocation to eligible assets of an amount equal to bond proceeds of €1.75bn of Green Bond issuances (€1.0bn 30 September 2020 [ISIN: XS2230399441], €0.75bn 17 May 2021 [ISIN: XS2343340852], €0.75bn 04 July 2022 [ISIN: XS2491963638], €0.75bn 16 November 2022 [ISIN: XS2555925218]). To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than AIB for our work or this report except where terms are expressly agreed between us in writing.



Mazars

DATE 22 February 2023

Appendix 1: Reported Information

The Reported Information subject to limited assurance procedures is set out below. The Reporting requirements (Section 6 of AIB Green Bond Framework) and Eligibility Criteria (Section 3 of AIB Green Bond Framework) available at <https://aib.ie> have been used to prepare the Reported Information. The AIB Green Bond Framework also details the definitions and terminology used to describe the Reported Information.



AIB Green Bond Allocation Report – YE 2022

March 2023

AIB Green Bond Allocation Report

Portfolio Date: 31 December 2022

Eligible Green Assets			Green Liabilities			
ICMA GBP Eligible Category	Eligible Loans (Number)	Amount (EUR)	Instrument (ISIN)	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Amount (EUR)
Green Buildings	4,577	2,676,504,866	XS2230399441	30/09/2020	30/05/2031	1,000,000,000
Renewable Energy*	159	1,976,950,470	XS2343340852	17/05/2021	17/11/2027	750,000,000
Clean Transportation	1,327	33,134,148	XS2491963638	04/07/2022	04/07/2026	750,000,000
			XS2555925218	16/11/2022	16/02/2029	750,000,000
Total	6,063	4,686,589,484	Total			3,250,000,000

* Split of Renewable Energy asset by type (Amount): Wind 83%; Solar 11%; Geothermal 2%; Energy Transmission Infrastructure 2%; Power Storage Facilities 2%

Portfolio Detail

- AIB were fully allocated for the reporting period 2022¹
- Total Amount Eligible Green Loans: EUR 4,686,589,484
 - Green Buildings: 57%
 - Renewable Energy: 42%
 - Clean Transportation: 1%
- Amount of Eligible Green Loans allocated: EUR 3,250,000,000 (usage)
- Number of Eligible Green Loans: 6,063
- New loans added since December 2021: EUR 2,454,484,343 (52%)²
- New loans added since December 2019: EUR 3,885,921,946 (83%)²
- Geographical distribution of the Eligible Green Loans:

Green Buildings		
Location	Amount (EUR)	Percentage
Ireland	2,368,322,199	88%
UK	308,182,667	12%
Total	2,676,504,866	100%

Renewable Energy		
Location	Amount (EUR)	Percentage
Ireland	625,318,381	32%
UK	847,204,358	43%
US	103,688,642	5%
Other (EEA)	400,739,089	20%
Total	1,976,950,469	100%

Clean Transportation		
Location	Amount (EUR)	Percentage
Ireland	33,134,148	100%
Total	33,134,148	100%

¹ Allocations are reconciled on a monthly basis.

² New loan additions are based on account set-up/initial draw-down date.

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