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Verification Report for Post-Issuance Certification of the Green Bond issued by ABN AMRO in June 2016

Scope

ABN AMRO commissioned oekom research to compile a Verification Report for Post-Issuance Certification by the Climate Bond Initiative (CBI) of its Green Bond issued in June 2016. The Climate Bond Certification process includes verifying whether the provisions of the Climate Bond Standard issued by the CBI are met and obtaining evidence to support the verification.

Criteria

Relevant CBI Standards for this Post-Issuance Climate Bond Certification:

- Climate Bond Standard (Climate Bond Standard Version 2.1; status 01/2017)
- Low Carbon Buildings – Residential Property
- Low Carbon Buildings – Commercial Property
- Low Carbon Buildings – Energy Efficiency Upgrades

ABN AMRO's Responsibility

ABN AMRO's responsibility was to provide information and documentation on:

Part A: General Requirements

Part B: Eligible Projects & Assets

Part C: Requirements for Specific Bond Types

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oekom's Responsibility as a Verifier

oekom research reviewed the information and documentation provided by ABN AMRO to assess the Green Bond's alignment with the CBI requirements:

- Conformance with Part A, B and C of the CBI Standard

oekom research's approach to assess whether the issuer meets the criteria of the CBI standard was as follows. The issuer provided information on relevant processes regarding the proceeds (e.g. use of proceeds, management of proceeds) to oekom research. Further, the issuer needed to confirm/fill in a questionnaire that covers all criteria of the Climate Bond Standard 2.1. Additionally, the issuer had to provide background documents that elaborate further on the information mentioned in the questionnaire. With the help of this questionnaire and the background documents, oekom research carried out a desk-based assessment of the CBI criteria. In case any answers were unclear, oekom research contacted the issuer for more details and clarification.

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Opinion

Based on the limited assurance procedures conducted on ABN AMRO's Green Bond issued in June 2016, oekom research found no evidence for non-conformance with the Climate Bond Standard's post-issuance requirements.



Robert Haßler, CEO

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