

Pre-Issuance Climate Bond Certification

Pre-Issuance Climate Bond Certification for the Green Bond to be issued by Deutsche Kreditbank

18 November 2015

Scope

Deutsche Kreditbank (DKB) commissioned oekom research to carry out a pre-issuance Climate Bond Certification of its Green Bond in addition to the already conducted Second Party Opinion. The pre-issuance Climate Bond Certification process included verifying whether the provisions of the Climate Bond Standard issued by the Climate Bond Initiative (CBI) are met and to obtain evidence to support the verification.

Criteria

Relevant CBI Standards for this pre-issuance Climate Bond Certification:

- Climate Bond Standard (Climate Bond Standard Version 1.9; status 06/2015)
- Wind Eligibility & Guidance Document (Version 0.9; status 06/2015)
- Solar Eligibility & Guidance Document (Version 0.9; status 06/2015)

DKB's Responsibility

DKB's responsibility was to provide information and documentation on:

- Selection of nominated projects & assets (wind & solar energy)
- Internal process & controls
- (Proposed) reporting prior to issuance

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oekom's Responsibility as a Verifier

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

- Compliance with the selection of nominated projects & assets requirements:
 - Compliance with Part B of the Climate Bond Standards
 - Compliance with the technical criteria on wind energy generation (Version 0.9; status 06/2015)
 - Compliance with the technical criteria on solar energy generation (Version 0.9; status 06/2015)
- Compliance with the internal processes & controls requirements
- Compliance with the reporting prior to issuance requirements

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This pre-issuance Climate Bond Certification including all documentation provided alongside is intended for the use of DKB and Climate Bond Standard Board. The present document may be published by DKB, CBI and oekom research.

Opinion

Based on the limited assurance procedures conducted on DKB's Climate Bond, oekom research found no evidence for non-conformance with the Climate Bond Standard's pre-issuance requirements.

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Munich, 18 November 2015



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As part of our Green Bond Services, we provide support for companies and institutions issuing sustainable bonds, advise them on the selection of categories of projects to be financed and help them to define ambitious criteria. We verify the compliance with the criteria in the selection of projects and draw up an independent second party opinion so that investors are as well informed as possible about the quality of the loan from a sustainability point of view.

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