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First-ever public green bonds data list launched by the Climate Bonds Initiative

Includes basic bond reference data and 'second party opinion' information to promote market transparency

Lima, Peru, 11th December 2014: Today, The Climate Bonds Initiative, makes the list of labelled green bonds available to general public for the first time via the <u>Climate Bonds website</u>. This is part of the Initiative's effort to promote greater transparency in the green bonds market that trebled in size over the past year.

Apart from basic bond reference data, 'Second party opinion' information has been embedded into the list to make it easier for investors and stakeholders to locate the reviews. This is also the first time that any organisation has collated a public green bonds list with second opinions details.

Labelled green bonds data can be accessed here.

Green bonds – an innovative financial instruments that fund projects or assets with 'climate benefits' experienced an outstanding growth in 2014 with \$35 billion issued up to date – triple the 2013 figure. The market is expected to reach \$100bn in 2015 and to treble again in 2018.

Sean Kidney, CEO of Climate Bonds Initiative, speaking at the UN Climate Conference in Peru said: 'Since Climate Bonds Initiative started in 2009, one of our key work streams has been to track the labelled green bond market. We have been delving through bond prospectuses, public statements and talking to industry players. With the fast growth of the market came an increasing demand to see the full list of issuances so we decided to take the lead by launching a public list of labelled green bonds.'

Commenting on the 'Second opinion access', Sean Kidney added: 'Second opinions provide investors with additional transparency into the bonds' planned use of proceeds or green assets. However not all bonds have second opinions; 42% of issuers chose not to get one in 2014.'

'Although not strictly required they are a great tool for investors and key for market confidence. We wanted to highlight those issuers who chose to get a second opinion and make it easy for investors and other stakeholders to access these reports.'

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Data provided:

The green bond list provides basic reference data of bonds issued such as issuer name, issue date, and tenor. It also shows whether the issuer chose to get a second opinion on the green credentials

of the bond, who gave the second opinion, where one can find the opinion (if public) *and* CBI's comments on the bond (<u>Climate Bonds blog</u>).

By leaving the *real* financial data (i.e. live data, pricing) to the professionals like Bloomberg and Thompson Reuters, Climate Bonds Initiative is focusing on capturing extra-financial data on green aspects of the bond.

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