

Climate Bonds Announces Green Bond Pioneer Award Winners

20:00GMT 3/02/2016 LONDON: Leadership by international financial organisations has been recognised at the inaugural Green Bond Pioneer Awards held tonight in partnership with the London Stock Exchange.

The awards are in recognition of pioneer organisations, who through their actions have demonstrated the potential of green bonds and by positive example have called investors, governments and business to action.

Award Winners by Category:

Corporate Green Bond Pioneer-**Vasakronan**

Green Covered Bonds (Green Pfandbrief) Pioneer-**Berlin Hyp**

Green Asset Backed Securities Pioneer-**Hannon Armstrong**

Pioneer in Green Bond Underwriting- **Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SEB)**

Pioneer in Green Bond Policy-**Peoples Bank of China (PBoC)**

Pioneer-First Municipal Green Bond-**Ile De France**

Pioneers in Emerging Markets-India-**Yes Bank**. China-**Agricultural Bank of China**

Commercial Bank Pioneer-First Green Bond-**Bank of America Merrill Lynch**

Development Bank Pioneer-First Green Bond-**European Investment Bank (EIB)**

Global Market Development Pioneer-**World Bank**

Climate Bonds CEO Sean Kidney:

“The award recipients are the pioneers of the market, organisations at the forefront of the global financial sectors response to the investment challenges posed by climate change. They are laying new foundations for the capital flows needed to achieve the commitments within the national climate change plans tabled at COP21.”

“These pioneer awards are as much about tomorrow as they are today. We are recognising these international pioneers because being the first in finance, taking the initial, crucial steps that lead markets is usually overlooked, yet need to be celebrated.”

“Behind each of the award winners in each category are other companies, municipalities, development and commercial banks, all making contributions to developing green bond markets, creating new and innovative climate finance solutions. They also are to be congratulated.”

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About Climate Bonds Initiative: The Climate Bonds Initiative is an investor-focused not-for-profit, promoting large-scale investment in the low-carbon economy. For more information please visit www.climatebonds.net

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