

## **Appendix I**

### **Description on Bank of China Johannesburg Branch's 2022 Green Bond**

Bank of China Limited (the "Bank") has established the *Bank of China Limited Sustainability Series Bonds Management Statement* (the "Management Statement"). This Management Statement has been prepared to demonstrate the Bank will issue green bond in accordance with the *Green Bond Principles 2021* published by International Capital Market Association.

#### **Use of Proceeds**

All the net proceeds of the green bond will be allocated to the Eligible Projects as defined in the *Green Bond Principles 2021*.

In any case, Eligible Projects exclude the following categories ("Explicitly Excluded Projects"):

- Fossil fuel dedicated assets;
- Biofuels, biogas or biomass which utilize food crops as sources;
- Nuclear related projects;
- Mining and quarrying related projects;
- Luxury services or goods related, such as clubhouse operation;
- Alcoholic beverages related projects;
- Gambling and predatory lending enterprises related projects;
- Tobacco and tobacco-related products related projects;
- Weapons and ammunitions related projects.

#### **Project Evaluation and Selection**

##### **1. Preliminary Screening**

Based on the project compliance documents and referring to criteria and standards of Eligible Project categories defined in the Management Statement, the Bank's domestic and overseas branches shall conduct preliminary screening of eligible projects, to form the list of nominated projects and submit to the Headquarters for further review.

##### **2. Review and Approval**

The Bank's Headquarters shall review each of the nominated projects, and then submit to professional third party agencies for an independent assessment. Approval will be granted to nominated projects certified by the professional third party agencies. The approved projects will form the Eligible Project List.



### 3. Update and Maintenance

The Bank's Headquarters shall review the Eligible Project List on a quarterly basis and determine if any change(s) is necessary (for example, if a project has become ineligible due to amortization, prepayment, sale or other reasons). If such change(s) is necessary, the Headquarters shall organize domestic and overseas branches to nominate new projects and approve the eligible ones to replace projects that have become ineligible due to amortization, prepayment, sale or other reasons.

### Management of Proceeds

#### 1. Planning for Use of Proceeds

Prior to the issuance of green bond, the Bank shall develop the preliminary Eligible Project List to ensure that the proceeds from green bond can be allocated to Eligible Projects in a timely manner.

#### 2. Management of Separate Ledger

The Bank shall record the source and allocation of proceeds in a separate ledger management system to ensure that all the net proceeds of the green bond are properly managed and used. The ledger system shall contain information including but not limited to:

- Transaction information (issue amount, coupon, issue date and maturity date, etc.);
- Proceeds allocation information (project name, borrower description, project category, balance, release date, repayment date, exchange rate, interest rate of the loan, etc.).

The Bank will review and update the ledger on a quarterly basis. Any proceeds allocated to the projects that have amortized, been prepaid, sold or otherwise become ineligible shall be reallocated to newly nominated and approved projects.

#### 3. Use of Unallocated Proceeds

Unallocated proceeds shall not be invested in greenhouse gas (GHG) intensive, highly polluting, energy intensive projects nor projects with negative social impacts (including but not limited to "Explicitly Excluded Projects"). The unallocated proceeds could be temporarily invested in green bond issued by non-financial institutions in domestic or international capital markets, and in money market instruments with good credit ratings and market liquidity, or kept in cash until they are allocated to Eligible Projects.

### Reporting

The Bank will make disclosure in relation to the allocation of the proceeds and the environmental impacts of the funded Eligible Projects on an annual basis on its official website (<http://www.boc.cn/en/investor/ir10/>) so long as green bond remains outstanding. The following contents will be disclosed annually:



- Annual report of the green bond, where the content includes but not limited to the following proceeds allocation and environmental impacts information:
  - ✓ A brief description of the Eligible Projects to which the proceeds were allocated, and the breakdown in terms of amount and percentage allocated to each of the categories;
  - ✓ The unallocated proceeds and how they are invested temporarily;
  - ✓ Appropriate case information of the selected Eligible Projects;
  - ✓ The environmental benefits of each category of the Eligible Projects where the proceeds were allocated.
- An attestation report for the annual report issued by a qualified third party;
- An attestation report for the use of proceeds issued by a qualified third party.

### Eligible Project List

The Bank has established a list of eligible projects, with an approximated total value of USD 303.94 million. Nominated projects list may evolve over time. The following is detailed information of the eligible projects.

#### Eligible Project List

No.	Region	Project	Eligible Project Categories	Loan Amount (USD million)
1	Johannesburg	Photovoltaic power project	Renewable energy	50
2	China	Wind power project	Renewable energy	12.23
3	China	Municipal Sewage Pipe Network and Treatment Facility	Sustainable water and wastewater management	14.35
4	China	City Metro Line 7	Clean transportation	227.36
<b>Total Loan Amount (USD million)</b>				<b>303.94</b>

Category	Loan Amount (USD million)	Number of Projects	Loan Proportion
Renewable energy	62.23	2	20.47%
Sustainable water and wastewater management	14.35	1	4.72%
Clean transportation	227.36	1	74.80%
<b>Total</b>	<b>303.94</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The following sets forth certain information of sample eligible projects:



- A series photovoltaic projects in South Africa: the project are located in northwest province, South Africa, with a total installed capacity of 300MW. The project consists of three sites. The project will produce around 275,000MWh with an annual reduction of 84,400 tons of standard coal, 208,123 tons of carbon dioxide, 241.11 tons of sulfur dioxide and 390.04 tons of nitrogen oxides;
- A city rail transit line project: the whole line is 29.8km, including 26 stations. The estimated passenger volume is 581,000 person/day, the annual saving is about 88,000 tons of standard coal, and the carbon dioxide emission reduction is 194,500 tons.

