

## Appendix I

### Description on Bank of China Limited London Branch's 2023 Green Bond

Bank of China Limited London Branch plans to issue 2023 Green Bond ("2023 Green Bond"). Bank of China Limited (the "Bank") has established the *Bank of China Limited Sustainability Series Bonds Management Statement* (the "Management Statement"). According to the Management Statement, the London Branch 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, Bank of China's domestic and overseas branches shall conduct preliminary screening of eligible projects, to form the list of nominated projects and submit to the Bank of China's headquarters for further review.

##### 2. Review and Approval

Bank of China's headquarters shall review the selected 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

Bank of China's headquarters shall review the Eligible Project List on a regular 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, Bank of China's 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. 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 referring to the Harmonized Framework for Impact

Reporting for Green Bonds (June 2023) on an annual basis on its official website 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 assurance report for the annual report issued by a qualified third party;
- An assurance 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 total value of USD 610.68 million. Nominated projects list may evolve over time. The following is detailed information of the eligible project.

#### Eligible Project List

No.	Region	Project	Eligible Project Categories	Loan Amount (USD million)
1	U.K.	Offshore wind power project	Renewable energy	175.27
2	U.K.	Wind power transmission project	Renewable energy	36.57
3	U.K.	Wind power transmission project	Renewable energy	61.41
4	Netherlands	Offshore wind power project	Renewable energy	162.38
5	France	Rail freight transportation project	Clean transportation	46.60
6	U.K.	Offshore wind power project	Renewable energy	128.45
<b>Total Loan Amount</b>				<b>610.68</b>

The following set forth certain information of sample eligible project:

- An offshore wind power project (the "Wind Power Project") is located in the United Kingdom. Wind Power Project includes 60 wind turbines with a generating capacity of 882 MW, which will reduce carbon dioxide emission about 1.1 million tonnes per year.

- A rail freight transportation project is located in France. The project provides railcars on rail lines. In Europe, the carbon intensity of rail freight transportation is lower compared with other modalities, such as road and maritime. The project does not relate with the transportation of fossil fuels or petrochemicals.

