

Green Bond / Green Bond Programme

External Review Form

Section 1. Basic Information

Issuer name: Bank of China Limited

Green Bond ISIN or Issuer Green Bond Framework Name, if applicable: Bank of China Limited Green Bond Management Statement

Review provider's name: Ernst & Young Hua Ming LLP

Completion date of this form: 4 July 2016

Publication date of review publication: 4 July 2016. The amount of nominated projects reviewed to be disclosed in an updated report after the settlement of the Green Bonds.

Section 2. Review overview

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The following may be used or adapted, where appropriate, to summarise the scope of the review.

The review assessed the following elements and confirmed their alignment with the GBPs:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use of Proceeds | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Process for Project Evaluation and Selection |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Management of Proceeds | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reporting |

ROLE(S) OF REVIEW PROVIDER

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Consultancy (incl. 2 nd opinion) | <input type="checkbox"/> Certification |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verification | <input type="checkbox"/> Rating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): | |

Note: In case of multiple reviews / different providers, please provide separate forms for each review.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REVIEW and/or LINK TO FULL REVIEW (*if applicable*)

Based on Ernst & Young's ("EY") limited assurance procedures, EY understands that Bank of China Limited ("BOC") has established mechanisms in the use of the proceeds, project evaluation and selection, management of proceeds, and information disclosure and reporting in order to keep accordance with the Green Bond Principles, 2016 (GBP, 2016). Nothing has come to EY's attention that causes EY to believe that there are any errors that the use of proceeds, project evaluation and selection, management of proceeds, and information disclosure and reporting in relation to BOC's July 2016 Green Bond Issuance is not in accordance with GBP, 2016.

Section 3. Detailed review

Reviewers are encouraged to provide the information below to the extent possible and use the comment section to explain the scope of their review.

1. USE OF PROCEEDS

Overall comment on section (if applicable): Subject to the work performed, nothing has come to EY's attention that causes EY to believe that there are any errors that the use of proceeds is not in accordance with GBP, 2016.

Use of proceeds categories as per GBP:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renewable energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy efficiency |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pollution prevention and control | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable management of living natural resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity conservation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clean transportation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainable water management | <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change adaptation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eco-efficient products, production technologies and processes | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown at issuance but currently expected to conform with GBP categories, or other eligible areas not yet stated in GBPs | |

If applicable please specify the environmental taxonomy, if other than GBPs:

2. PROCESS FOR PROJECT EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Overall comment on section (if applicable): Subject to the work performed, nothing has come to EY's attention that causes EY to believe that there are any errors that the project evaluation and selection is not in accordance with GBP, 2016.

Evaluation and selection

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defined and transparent criteria for projects eligible for Green Bond proceeds | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documented process to determine that projects fit within defined categories |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summary criteria for project evaluation and selection publicly available | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Information on Responsibilities and Accountability

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evaluation / Selection criteria subject to external advice or verification | <input type="checkbox"/> In-house assessment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): | |

3. MANAGEMENT OF PROCEEDS

Overall comment on section (if applicable): Subject to the work performed, nothing has come to EY's attention that causes EY to believe that there were any errors that the use and management of proceeds is not in accordance with GBP, 2016.

Tracking of proceeds:

- Green Bond proceeds segregated or tracked by the issuer in a systematic manner
- Disclosure of intended types of temporary investment instruments for unallocated proceeds
- Other *(please specify)*:

Additional disclosure:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allocations to future investments only | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allocations to both existing and future investments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allocation to individual disbursements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allocation to a portfolio of disbursements |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disclosure of portfolio balance of unallocated proceeds | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(please specify)</i> : |

4. REPORTING

Overall comment on section (if applicable): Subject to the work performed, nothing has come to EY's attention that causes us to believe that there are any errors that the information disclosure and reporting is not in accordance with the GBP, 2016

Use of proceeds reporting:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Project-by-project | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On a project portfolio basis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Linkage to individual bond(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(please specify)</i> : |

Information reported:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allocated amounts | <input type="checkbox"/> GB financed share of total investment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(please specify)</i> : | |

Frequency:

- Annual Semi-annual
 Other (please specify):

Impact reporting:

- Project-by-project On a project portfolio basis
 Linkage to individual bond(s) Other (please specify):

Frequency:

- Annual Semi-annual
 Other (please specify):

Information reported (expected or ex-post):

- GHG Emissions / Savings Energy Savings
 Other ESG indicators (please specify):

Means of Disclosure

- Information published in financial report Information published in sustainability report
 Information published in ad hoc documents Other (please specify): *brief disclosure through other channels where feasible, such as annual reports or social responsibility reports*
 Reporting reviewed (if yes, please specify which parts of the reporting are subject to external review):

An audit report will be issued by EY assuring allocation of proceeds; the environmental impact disclosure will be reviewed by EY

Where appropriate, please specify name and date of publication in the useful links section.

USEFUL LINKS (e.g. to review provider methodology or credentials, to issuer's documentation, etc.)

<http://www.boc.cn/en/aboutboc/boccsr/>

Name of publication: Bank of China Plans to Issue Green Bonds in Offshore Markets

Date of publication: 4 July, 2016

SPECIFY OTHER EXTERNAL REVIEWS AVAILABLE, IF APPROPRIATE

Type(s) of Review provided:

- Consultancy (incl. 2nd opinion) Certification
 Verification / Audit Rating
 Other (please specify): *BOC has also engaged EY to assess the social and environmental performance of its Green Bonds and has been awarded a score of GB-AAA and classified as Dark Green in the EY Green Evaluation System with a rating scale from GB-A (Light Green) to GB-AAA (Dark Green).*

Review provider(s):

Ernst & Young Hua Ming LLP

Date of publication:

4 July 2016

ABOUT ROLE(S) OF REVIEW PROVIDERS AS DEFINED BY THE GBP

- (i) **Consultant Review:** An issuer can seek advice from consultants and/or institutions with recognized expertise in environmental sustainability or other aspects of the issuance of a Green Bond, such as the establishment/review of an issuer's Green Bond framework. "Second opinions" may fall into this category.
- (ii) **Verification:** An issuer can have its Green Bond, associated Green Bond framework, or underlying assets independently verified by qualified parties, such as auditors. In contrast to certification, verification may focus on alignment with internal standards or claims made by the issuer. Evaluation of the environmentally sustainable features of underlying assets may be termed verification and may reference external criteria.
- (iii) **Certification:** An issuer can have its Green Bond or associated Green Bond framework or Use of Proceeds certified against an external green assessment standard. An assessment standard defines criteria, and alignment with such criteria is tested by qualified third parties / certifiers.
- (iv) **Rating:** An issuer can have its Green Bond or associated Green Bond framework rated by qualified third parties, such as specialised research providers or rating agencies. Green Bond ratings are separate from an issuer's ESG rating as they typically apply to individual securities or Green Bond frameworks / programmes.