News Release



Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.

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Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR) announces the following credit rating.

Canadian Solar Infrastructure Fund, Inc. (security code: 9284)

| <outlook change=""> Long-term Issuer Rating: Outlook:</outlook> | A from Stable to Positive |
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| <affirmation> Bonds:</affirmation> | A |

Rationale

- (1) Canadian Solar Infrastructure Fund, Inc. ("CSIF"), sponsored by Canadian Solar Projects K.K. ("CSP"), is a listed infrastructure fund and primarily invests in solar power generation facilities. With the addition of a solar power plant in December 2023 (11.1 MW) and August 2024 (12.2 MW), respectively, which make 32 power plants (total panel output: 227.7 MW; total acquisition price: 97.3 billion yen) as of September 2024. Factors reflected in the ratings include its stable cash flow backed by the feed-in tariff ("FIT") system for renewable energy, progress in asset size expansion and diversification, the conditions of power plant management, and a conservative financial management policy. CSIF has extensive development pipelines, and ensuring portfolio growth/quality while increasing financial soundness is a key to the future rating decisions.
- (2) Assets under management mainly use panels manufactured by the Canadian Solar Group to which CSP belongs, and include large-scale power plants such as CS Hiji-machi Dai-ni Power Plant (panel output: 53.4 MW) and CS Mashiki-machi Power Plant (47.6 MW). The 12-month average power generation through May 2024 was only 2.5% lower than the estimate, despite the impact of the output control. As the service area of Kyushu Electric Power Company, Incorporated accounts for a large part of the portfolio, assets are susceptible to output control, thus requiring close attention to future impacts. That said, with the most of CSIF's facilities following "30-day rules," the impact on the cash flow of the entire portfolio remains within a reasonable range under the current circumstances.
- (3) The LTV ratio was 51.9% as of the end of June 2024. The financial management policy is conservative and financial soundness is maintained at a good level. The fixed interest rate ratio was 87.9% as of the same date. Since its establishment, CSIF has enjoyed stable cash flow backed by FIT, providing it with sufficient margin to cover the burden of principal and interest payments on interest-bearing debt. As of the end of August 2024, CSIF has abundant pipelined of approximately 340 MW in total, consisting of sponsor-developed assets (293 MW) and third-party developed assets (47 MW). It also changed its optimal payable distribution policy to increase its capacity for additional investment. With such factors as a backdrop, CSIF aims to achieve an asset size of 300 billion yen over the medium term.
- (4) JCR is paying attention to the impact of output control on its assets under management, but believes that CSIF will be able to maintain favorable financial soundness and utilize its abundant pipelines to make progress in asset size expansion and diversification. Based on the above, JCR has changed the rating outlook to Positive.

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Rating

Issuer: Canadian Solar Infrastructure Fund, Inc.

| <outlook change=""> Long-term Issuer Rating: A</outlook> | Outlook: Positiv | ve | | | |
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| <affirmation> Issue</affirmation> | Amount (bn) | Issue Date | Due Date | Coupon | Rating |
| Bonds no. 1* | JPY 1.1 | Nov. 6, 2019 | Nov. 6, 2024 | 0.71% | A |
| Bonds no. 1 (green bonds) | JPY 3.8 | Jan. 26, 2021 | Jan. 26, 2026 | 0.800% | А |
| *For qualified institutional inve | estors only | | | | |



Rating Assignment Date: September 27, 2024

The assumptions for the credit ratings and the definitions of the rating symbols are published as "Types of Credit Ratings and Definitions of Rating Symbols" (January 6, 2014) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/).

Outline of the rating methodology is shown as "Project Finance" (August 28, 2012) and "Listed Infrastructure Funds" (December 16, 2016) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/).

The rating stakeholder participated in the rating process of the aforementioned credit ratings.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE FORM

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Disclosure Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of Rule 17g-7

| Issuer: | Canadian Solar Infrastructure Fund, Inc. |
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| Rating Publication Date: | September 30, 2024 |

- The Symbol, Number, or Score in the Rating Scale used to Denote Credit Rating Categories and Notches and, the Identity of the Obligor or the Identity and a Description of the Security or Money Market Instrument as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(A) of Rule 17g-7
- Please see the news release. If the credit rating is a private rating, please see the report for private rating.
- $2 \quad The version of the procedure or methodology used to determine the credit rating; as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(B) of Rule 17g-7$
 - Please see the news release. If the credit rating is a private rating, please see the report for private rating.
- 3 The Main Assumptions and Principles used in Constructing the Procedures and Methodologies used to Determine the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(C) of Rule 17g-7
 - The credit rating methodology assumes, in principle, to be applied to assess the likelihood of a given debt payment in light of its issuer's condition and market environment, etc. in the relevant future. There is certain limitation, however, in the time horizon that the rating foresees
 - The credit rating methodology assumes, in principle, that the factors posted in the below are particularly important for such likelihood to be determined, and that the rating determination is made by evaluating each of them not only quantitatively but also employing qualitative analyses.
 - A) Portfolios

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The likelihood of a given debt payment is highly conditional to its issuer's portfolios - how they can be maintained/ enhanced into the future and thereby secure earnings and cash flows in adequacy and in a sustainable way.

B) Financial Grounds and Asset Quality

The likelihood of debt payment is highly dependent on the degree of the issuer's indebtedness and loss absorption capacity in terms of equity capital. Also notable is that the issuer might see a significant loss of financial grounds as a result of changes in value of the assets under its possession.

C) Liquidity Positions

The likelihood of debt payment is highly dependent on the adequacy of the issuer's cash and other sources of repayment (liquidity positions) including certainty of refinancing.

D) Related Parties' Status and Stance of Support/ Assistance for the Issuer

The likelihood of debt payment is affected one way or the other by the issuer's related parties such as sponsor, asset manager, guarantor, and the government of the issuer's business domicile, etc. - by their own conditions and/ or position of support/ assistance for the issuer.

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E) Order of Seniority in Debt Payment

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The likelihood of debt payment can be different between given debts of the same issuer. The likelihood of debt payment for an individual debt is dependent on the issuer's discretion, and/ or its rank relative to other debts of the same issuer in the order of seniority in principal/ interest payment which is determined by design as financial product or by laws, etc.

- The Potential Limitations of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(D) of Rule 17g-7
 - The credit rating herewith presented by JCR is its summary opinion with regard to the likelihood of given debt payment and hence not necessarily a perfect representation of such likelihood. The credit rating is not intended to estimate the probability of default or the loss on given default, either.
- The objective of the credit rating herewith presented does not include any concerns other than the likelihood of debt payment, such as risks of price changes, market liquidity, etc.
- The credit rating herewith presented is necessary to be reviewed along with possible changes of the issuer of rated objects in its business performance and/ or circumstances which include regulatory environment, and hence subject to possible alteration.
- 5 Information on the Uncertainty of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(E) of Rule 17g-7

The information used for the determination of credit rating as herewith presented is obtained by JCR from the issuer of rated objects and other sources that JCR trusts in terms of accuracy and reliability but possibly contains errors due to human, non-human or other causes. Consequently, the credit rating determined on the grounds of such information does not constitute, explicitly or implicitly, any representation or warrant of JCR on the information itself or any consequences of its use in terms of accuracy, relevance, timeliness, wholeness, market value, or usefulness for any specific purposes.

- 6 Use of Due Diligence Services of a Third Party in Taking the Rating Action as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(F) of Rule 17g-7
 - There is no use of any third-party due diligence service in the determination of the credit rating herewith presented.
- 7 Use of Servicer or Remittance Reports to Conduct Surveillance of the Credit Rating Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(G) of Rule 17g-7
 - There is no use of any servicer or remittance report to conduct surveillance of the credit rating herewith presented.
- 8 The Types of Data Relied Upon for the Purpose of Determining the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(H) of Rule17g-7



- The information posted in the below, which includes data, is used for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented.
 - A) Audited financial statements presented by the rating stakeholders
 - B) Explanations and documents regarding asset portfolio, contracts, business performance, management plans, etc. presented by the rating stakeholders

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Overall assessment of the Quality of Information Available and Considered in Determining the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(l) of Rule 17g-7

- JCR holds its basic policies for securing the quality of information as a base of due diligence for the determination of credit ratings. The information used as a base for the determination of credit rating herewith presented satisfies such policies, which include the audit by an independent auditor, the publication by the issuer or some independent media or, otherwise, JCR analyst's scrutiny, etc.
- JCR sees no particular weakness in the quality of information used for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented as compared to the information used in other cases of the credit rating for comparable issuers or ratable objects.
- If the credit rating is an Indication, please see the report for Indication.

10 Information Relating to Conflicts of Interest as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(J) of Rule 17g-7

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- JCR received in the last fiscal year in the past payment of compensation from the same party for any kind of JCR's service other than the determination of public or private credit rating, such as one in the ancillary business.

11 Explanation or Measure of the Potential Volatility of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(K) of Rule 17g-7

A) Portfolios

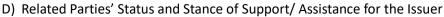
The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is improvement or deterioration of quality, competitive strength and diversification in the issuer's portfolios, since its revenue, etc. may improve or deteriorate by the change in its investment strategies, climate change, competitive situation, or a technological innovation. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change in the portfolios is large.

B) Financial Grounds and Asset Quality

The credit rating is subject to alteration if the issuer increases/ decreases its debt/ capital or vice versa and thereby makes its individual debt payment liability less or more bearable and its loss absorption capacity into the future decreased or increased. Also, the changes in the quality of asset under the issuer's holding may affect the credit rating, since such changes could raise or lower the likelihood of future loss of the issuer's financial grounds. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change in the financial grounds and/ or asset quality is large.

C) Liquidity Positions

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the issuer's financial management policy or in the relations with fund procurement sources and the change thereby makes its liquidity positions improve or deteriorate. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.



The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the issuer's sponsor or asset manager, guarantor or other provider of credit enhancement, or the government of the issuer's business domicile, or other related parties' own conditions and/ or position of support/ assistance for the issuer, and the change thereby makes its portfolios, financial grounds and/ or liquidity positions improve or deteriorate, and/ or making the effectiveness of guarantee and other credit enhancement improve or deteriorate. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.

E) Order of Seniority in Debt Payment and Non-Payment Forgiven by Contract

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the rated debt's status in the order of seniority relative to other debts caused by the improvement/ deterioration of the issuer's financial condition. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large. Also, in case of the financial products for which non-payment of interest/ principal is contractually permissible, the credit rating is subject to alteration if and when the likelihood of such non-payment is projected to increase or decrease. The resultant alteration of the credit rating could be by a notch but often as much as a few notches.

F) Rise and Fall in General Economy and Markets

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a rise/ fall in the general economy and/ or the markets, of e.g. interest rates, inducing the issuer's revenues/ expenses to increase/ decrease and vice versa, etc. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is exceptionally large.

G) Various Events

The credit rating is subject to alteration on occurrence of various events, such as change in the issuer's sponsor or asset manager, M&A and other organizational change, accident, violation of the law, litigation, legal/ regulatory change, natural disaster, etc., which are unforeseeable at the time when the credit rating is determined, causing a significant change on the issuer's business bases, financial grounds, etc. The resultant alteration of the credit rating could be by a notch but more often than not as much as a few notches.

Information on the Content of the Credit Rating, Including the Historical Performance of the Credit Rating and the Expected Probability of Default and the Expected Loss in the Event of Default as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(L) of Rule 17g-7

- · Historical records of the credit rating herewith presented are posted in the end of this paper.
- The credit rating herewith presented by JCR is its summary opinion with regard to the likelihood of given debt payment and hence not necessarily a perfect representation of such likelihood. The credit rating is not intended to estimate the probability of default or the loss on given default, either.
- Facts of the probability of default are posted as Form NRSRO Exhibit 1 on the JCR website under the URL:

https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/service/company/regu/nrsro/

3 Information on the Sensitivity of the Credit Rating to Assumptions Made as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(M) of Rule 17g-7

A) Portfolios

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's portfolios and powers of earning or cash flow generation, etc. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of quality, competitive strength and diversification in the issuer's portfolios on some drastic change in the market environments, etc.



B) Financial Grounds and Asset Quality

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's financial grounds and asset quality. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's financial grounds and/ or asset quality on some drastic change in its portfolios.

C) Liquidity Risks

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's liquidity positions including certainty of refinancing. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's liquidity positions on some drastic change in its financial management policy or relations with fund procurement sources, etc.

D) Related Parties' Status and Stance of Support/ Assistance for the Issuer

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's sponsor or asset manager, guarantor or other providers of credit enhancement, the government of the issuer's business domicile or other related parties' status and stance of support/ assistance for the issuer. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if there is a major change on the part of related parties, such as replacement, disappearance, some drastic improvement/ deterioration of financial grounds/ balances, etc.

E) Rise and Fall in General Economy and Markets

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the prospects of general economy and markets of e.g. interest rates. JCR expects the change should be most likely by a notch but could be as much as a few notches, should the economy or the markets change so greatly.

14 Information on the Representations, Warranties, and Enforcement Mechanisms of an Asset-backed Security as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(N) of rule 17g-7

• The credit rating herewith presented is not for an ABS product, and hence no relevant issue.

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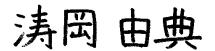


| Issuer Name | Issue Name | Publication Date | Rating | Outlook/Direction |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Canadian Solar Infrastructure | | | | |
| Fund, Inc. | Issuer(Long-term) | September 13, 2019 | A- | Stable |
| Canadian Solar Infrastructure | Issuer(Long-term) | Luby 21, 2020 | А | Stable |
| Fund, Inc. | Issuer(Long-term) | July 31, 2020 | | |
| Canadian Solar Infrastructure | Issuer(Long-term) | July 19, 2021 | А | Stable |
| Fund, Inc. | issuer(Long-term) | July 19, 2021 | | |
| Canadian Solar Infrastructure | Issuer(Long-term) | August 10, 2022 | А | Stable |
| Fund, Inc. | | 114gust 10, 2022 | | |
| Canadian Solar Infrastructure | Issuer(Long-term) | August 17, 2023 | А | Stable |
| Fund, Inc. | | 8, | | |
| Canadian Solar Infrastructure | Bonds No.1 | October 29, 2019 | A- | |
| Fund, Inc. Canadian Solar Infrastructure | | - | | |
| | Bonds No.1 | July 31, 2020 | А | |
| Fund, Inc. Canadian Solar Infrastructure | | | | |
| Fund, Inc. | Bonds No.1 | July 19, 2021 | А | |
| Canadian Solar Infrastructure | | | А | |
| Fund, Inc. | Bonds No.1 | August 10, 2022 | | |
| Canadian Solar Infrastructure | | | А | |
| Fund, Inc. | Bonds No.1 | August 17, 2023 | | |
| Canadian Solar Infrastructure | D 1 1 | L | А | |
| Fund, Inc. | Bonds no.1 | January 20, 2021 | | |
| Canadian Solar Infrastructure | Bonds no.1 | July 19, 2021 | А | |
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| Canadian Solar Infrastructure | Bonds no.1 | August 10, 2022 | А | |
| Fund, Inc. | | August 10, 2022 | | |
| Canadian Solar Infrastructure | Bonds no.1 | August 17, 2023 | А | |
| Fund, Inc. | | Tugust 17, 2023 | 11 | |

The Historical Performance of the Credit Rating

Attestation Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(iii) of Rule 17g-7

- I, Yoshinori Namioka, have responsibility to this Rating Action and to the best of my knowledge:
- A) No part of the credit rating was influenced by any other business activities.
- B) The credit rating was based solely upon the merits of the obligor, security, or money market instrument being rated.
- C) The credit rating was an independent evaluation of the credit risk of the obligor, security, or money market instrument.



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