

# **Sustainability Bond / Sustainability Bond Programme**

## **External Review Form**

## **Section 1.** Basic Information

Issuer	name: Mitsui Fudosan Logistics Park Inc.				
	Sustainability Bond ISIN or Issuer Sustainability Bond Framework Name, if applicable: Sustainability Finance Framework				
Indepe	ndent External Review provider's name:	: Japan Credit Ra	ting Agency Co., Ltd.		
Comple	etion date of this form: January 12, 202	1			
Publica	ntion date of review publication: January	12, 2021			
Section	on 2. Review overview				
SCOPE	OF REVIEW				
The follo	owing may be used or adapted, where approp	oriate, to summaris	se the scope of the review.		
The rev	view assessed the following elements and	d confirmed their	alignment with the GBPs and the SBPs:		
$\boxtimes$	Use of Proceeds		Process for Project Evaluation and Selection		
$\boxtimes$	Management of Proceeds		Reporting		
ROLE(	S) OF INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL REVIE	EW PROVIDER			
	Second Party Opinion		Certification		
	Verification	$\boxtimes$	Scoring/Rating		
	Other (please specify):				

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

Latest update: June 2020

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

Mitsui Fudosan Logistics Park Inc. (the "Investment Corporation") was established on March 4, 2016, and listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (real estate investment trust securities market) on August 2, 2016. The sponsor (100% stake) of Mitsui Fudosan Logistics REIT Management Co., Ltd. (the "Asset Management Company"), an asset management company, is Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd. With logistics facilities as the main investment target, a system has been established to build a strategic collaborative relationship with Mitsui Fudosan, a comprehensive developer, to expand the logistics business in conjunction with Mitsui Fudosan, with the development function being undertaken by Mitsui Fudosan, the management function being undertaken by the Asset Management Company and Mitsui Fudosan, and the holding function being undertaken by the Investment Corporation as the core role. This is the first listed investment corporation to be named "Mitsui Fudosan" as a J-REIT sponsored by Mitsui Fudosan.

Mitsui Fudosan calls advanced logistics facilities with quality that meet the diversification needs of various entities involved in logistics facilities (tenants, employees working at logistics facilities, and local communities) in addition to offering high-efficiency, convenience, and safety MFLP (Mitsui Fudosan Logistics Park), and the Investment Corporation's policy is to invest heavily in MFLP. The current portfolio is 20 properties with an aggregate acquisition price of JPY282.4 billion.

The scope of this evaluation is the Sustainability Finance Framework (the "Framework"), which is designed to restrict the funding that is sourced by bonds or loans to the use of proceeds that has environmental improvement effects and social benefits. JCR evaluates whether the Framework complies with the Green Bond Principles (2018 edition), the Social Bond Principles (2020 edition), the Sustainability Bond Guidelines (2018 edition), the Green Loan Principles (2020 edition), the Green Bond Guidelines (2020 edition) and the Green Loan Guidelines and the Sustainability Linked Loan Guidelines (2020 edition). These principles are not binding because they are voluntarily published principles or guidelines by the International Capital Markets Association (ICMA), the Loan Market Association (LMA) and the Asia-Pacific Loan Market Association (APLMA) and the Ministry of the Environment, respectively, and are not regulations, but JCR evaluates the Framework by reference to these principles and guidelines as uniform standards both domestically and internationally.

The Investment Corporation considers three stars or more in DBJ Green Building certification, three stars or more in BELS certification, B+ or higher in CASBEE certification, Silver or higher in LEED certification, or third-party certification other than the above certification as eligibility criteria for the use of proceeds. The Investment Corporation considers properties that have been certified or are scheduled to be re-certified for the evaluation as green eligible asset. It also cites basic infrastructure development for regional revitalization, access to essential services to daily life, and socio-economic improvement and empowerment as social eligibility criteria. JCR evaluates the use of proceeds specified by the Investment Corporation as having environmental improvement effects and social benefits.

System for addressing environmental and social issues are properly established, and systems are in place for specialized departments and management teams to be involved in the selection and process of projects subject to the use of proceeds. Fund management is conducted in a predetermined manner by the department in charge. Information disclosed as reporting has clear environmental improvement effects and social benefits. Based on the above, JCR confirmed that the Investment Corporation has a strong management and operational system and high transparency in implementing sustainability finance.

Based on the JCR Sustainability Finance Assessment Methods, "Greenness and Social Assessment (Use of Funds)" and "Management, Management, and Transparency Assessment" are referred to as "gs1(F)" and "m1(F)", respectively, for this framework. Consequently, the "JCR Sustainability Finance Framework Assessment" was set as "SU 1 (F)." The Framework is also considered to meet the standards for items required by the Green Bond Principles, the Social Bond Principles, the Sustainability Bond Guidelines, the Green Loan Principles, the Green Bond Guidelines and the Green Loan and Sustainability Linked Loan Guidelines issued by the Ministry of the Environment.

https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/greenfinance/

#### 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

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## **Overall comment on section** (if applicable):

eligible areas not yet stated in SBPs

- Proceeds are used 100% for the projects, which are expected to derive high environmental improvement effects or social benefits.
- The Investment Corporation identifies environmental and social risks appropriately and takes necessary measures to avoid or mitigate them.

Use	of proceeds categories as per GBP:		
$\boxtimes$	Renewable energy	$\boxtimes$	Energy efficiency
	Pollution prevention and control		Environmentally sustainable management of living natural resources and land use
	Terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity conservation		Clean transportation
	Sustainable water and wastewater management		Climate change adaptation
	Eco-efficient and/or circular economy adapted products, production technologies and processes	$\boxtimes$	Green buildings
	Unknown at issuance but currently expected to conform with GBP categories, or other eligible areas not yet stated in GBPs		Other (please specify):
f applio	cable please specify the environmental taxonomy,	if oth	er than GBPs:
Use o	f proceeds categories as per SBP:		
$\boxtimes$	Affordable basic infrastructure	$\boxtimes$	Access to essential services
	Affordable housing		Employment generation / programs designed to prevent and/or alleviate unemployment stemming from socioeconomic crises
	Food security and sustainable food systems		Socioeconomic advancement and empowerment
	Unknown at issuance but currently expected to conform with SBP categories, or other		Other (please specify):

If applicable please specify the social taxonomy, if other than SBPs: **Target populations:** ☐ Excluded and/or marginalised populations and □Living below the poverty line /or communities ☐ People with disabilities ☐ Migrants and /or displaced persons ☐ Underserved, owing to a lack of quality access □Undereducated to essential goods and services □Unemployed □Women and/or sexual and gender minorities ☐ Aging populations and vulnerable youth ☑ Other vulnerable groups, including as a result of natural disasters ☑ Other (please specify): Local residents 2. PROCESS FOR PROJECT EVALUATION AND SELECTION **Overall comment on section** (if applicable): At the Investment Corporation, the roles of each organization are clearly divided, and the department and management team with specialized knowledge in the decision-making process are involved. From this, JCR evaluates issuer's selection criteria and selection process as appropriate. **Evaluation and selection** Documented process to determine that X Credentials on the issuer's social and green objectives projects fit within defined categories Defined and transparent criteria for Documented process to identify and manage  $\times$  $\times$ projects eligible for Sustainability Bond potential ESG risks associated with the project X Summary criteria for project evaluation Other (please specify): П and selection publicly available Information on Responsibilities and Accountability Evaluation / Selection criteria subject to  $\boxtimes$ In-house assessment

external advice or verification

Other (please specify):

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#### 3. MANAGEMENT OF PROCEEDS

Overall	comment on	section (i	if applicable):

Fund management is evaluated as appropriate, given that the funds procured are reliably appropriated to the target project, the funds procured are managed in an appropriate manner within the Investment Corporation, the internal control system is established, and there are no particular concerns regarding the operation of unallocated funds.

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$\boxtimes$	Sustainability Bond proceeds segregated or tracked by the issuer in an appropriate manner			
$\boxtimes$	Disclosure of intended types of temporary investment instruments for unallocated proceeds			
	Other (please specify):			
Additio	onal disclosure:			
	Allocations to future investments only		Allocations to both existing and future investments	
$\boxtimes$	Allocation to individual disbursements		Allocation to a portfolio of disbursements	
	Disclosure of portfolio balance of		Other (please specify):	

## 4. REPORTING

## **Overall comment on section** (if applicable):

## a. Reporting on the Status of Appropriation of Funds

The use of proceeds raised through sustainability finance will be disclosed in the revised Issue Registration Statement, etc. The status of allocation of funds will be disclosed on the Investment Corporation's website, including appropriated amounts and unallocated amounts by category. The Investment Corporation also plans to conduct appropriate responses in the event of changes, such as when properties subject to the use of proceeds are sold.

## b. Reporting on Environmental Improvement Effects and Social Benefits

The Investment Corporation plans to disclose the predetermined items as reporting on environmental improvement effects and social benefits.

## Use of proceeds reporting:

$\boxtimes$	Project-by-project	On a project portfolio basis
	Linkage to individual bond(s)	Other (please specify):
	Information reported:	
	☑ Allocated amounts	Sustainability Bond financed share of total investment
	☐ Other (please specify):	

	Frequency:			
	☑ Annual		Semi-annual	
	☐ Other (please specify):			
Impac	t reporting:			
$\boxtimes$	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-pos	st):		
	☐ GHG Emissions / Savings		Energy Savings	
	☐ Decrease in water use	$\boxtimes$	Number of beneficiaries	
	☐ Target populations	$\boxtimes$	Other ESG indicators (please specify):	
			Acquired valid environmental certification	
Means	s of Disclosure			
	Information published in financial report		Information published in sustainability report	
	Information published in ad hoc	$\boxtimes$	Other (please specify):	
	documents Reporting reviewed (if yes, please specify which	parts	Show on the website of the reporting are subject to external review):	
Where	appropriate, please specify name and date of p	ublica	ation in the useful links section.	
	<b>L LINKS</b> (e.g. to review provider methodology or cr Fudosan Logistics Park Inc.'s website about sust			
https://www.mflp-r.co.jp/en/sustainability/index.html				
JCR's website about green finance evaluation methodology:				
https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/greenfinance/				
SPECIFY OTHER EXTERNAL REVIEWS AVAILABLE, IF APPROPRIATE				
Type(s) of Review provided:				
	Second Party Opinion		Certification	
	Verification	$\boxtimes$	Scoring/Rating	
	Other (please specify):			

Review provider(s): Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.

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

**1. Second Party Opinion:** An institution with sustainability expertise that is independent from the issuer may provide a Second Party Opinion. The institution should be independent from the issuer's adviser for its Sustainability Bond framework, or appropriate procedures such as information barriers will have been implemented within the institution to ensure the independence of the Second Party Opinion.

It normally entails an assessment of the alignment with the Principles. In particular, it can include an assessment of the issuer's overarching objectives, strategy, policy, and/or processes relating to sustainability and an evaluation of the environmental and social features of the type of Projects intended for the Use of Proceeds.

- **2. Verification**: An issuer can obtain independent verification against a designated set of criteria, typically pertaining to business processes and/or sustainability criteria. Verification may focus on alignment with internal or external standards or claims made by the issuer. Also, evaluation of the environmentally or socially sustainable features of underlying assets may be termed verification and may reference external criteria. Assurance or attestation regarding an issuer's internal tracking method for use of proceeds, allocation of funds from Sustainability Bond proceeds, statement of environmental or social impact or alignment of reporting with the Principles may also be termed verification.
- **3. Certification**: An issuer can have its Sustainability Bond or associated Sustainability Bond framework or Use of Proceeds certified against a recognised external sustainability standard or label. A standard or label defines specific criteria, and alignment with such criteria is normally tested by qualified, accredited third parties, which may verify consistency with the certification criteria.
- **4. Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Scoring/Rating:** An issuer can have its Sustainability Bond, associated Sustainability Bond framework or a key feature such as Use of Proceeds evaluated or assessed by qualified third parties, such as specialised research providers or rating agencies, according to an established scoring/rating methodology. The output may include a focus on environmental and/or social performance data, process relative to the Principles, or another benchmark, such as a 2-degree climate change scenario. Such scoring/rating is distinct from credit ratings, which may nonetheless reflect material sustainability risks.