# **News Release**



Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.

24-D-1132 October 28, 2024

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

### NEC Capital Solutions Limited (security code: 8793)

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Long-term Issuer Rating	: A
Outlook:	Stable
Bonds:	А
Shelf Registration:	Preliminary A
CP:	J-1

#### Rationale

- (1) NEC Capital Solutions Limited (the "Company") is a financial services company with strengths in leasing to government agencies, among others. It is an equity method affiliate of SBI Shinsei Bank, Limited ("SBI Shinsei Bank") that has 33.32% of the voting rights. The Company was an equity method affiliate of NEC Corporation ("NEC") and Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Company, Limited, but in October 2024, SBI Shinsei Bank acquired the Company's shares from both companies. The Company has reached a basic agreement with SBI Shinsei Bank Group on a business alliance aimed at collaborating on structured finance and other areas, as well as creating new business opportunities through collaboration with Showa Leasing Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of the group. In addition, the Company has signed a new business partnership agreement with NEC to use the "NEC" mark until March 2031 and to continue their business collaboration. JCR previously evaluated the Company's ratings based on the creditworthiness of NEC Group, but has now changed them to be based on its standalone creditworthiness. The ratings reflect the solid business base backed by its relationship with NEC Group, relatively good asset quality and capital adequacy, and stable fundraising base. JCR sees that synergy with the SBI Shinsei Bank Group, which has a different customer base, is expected to strengthen the Company's revenue base, and will be keeping a close eye on the effects.
- (2) The shift of the earnings structure is underway, and earnings are showing an improving trend. ROA (based on operating income) has remained at just over 1%. In the Mid-term Plan 2025 which has been implemented since the fiscal year ending March 2024 (FY2023), the Company aims to improve earning capacity by creating new circular services, expanding the business scale by increasing the added value of ICT-related services, expanding/enhancing the range of financial products both at home and abroad, strengthening vendor finance, etc. In FY2023, the Company refrained from undertaking low-profit projects and instead replaced them with more profitable assets such as structured finance. The healthcare warehousing business and the solar power sales business are also expanding smoothly. Going forward, by leveraging the deal sourcing capabilities of SBI Shinsei Bank Group, the Company expects to strengthen its investment and lending businesses in real estate, M&As, domestic/overseas infrastructure, healthcare, and renewable energy, and thereby accelerate efforts to improve earning capacity.
- (3) In recent years, a series of large individual cases have kept credit costs somewhat high, but at a level that can be adequately absorbed by periodic earnings. The majority of borrowers are highly creditworthy, mainly local governments and NEC-related companies, while borrowers with relatively low creditworthiness are diversified into small lots. Therefore, JCR sees that the Company is unlikely to record a large amount of credit costs in the future. However, it is important to note that the weight of real estate finance and structured finance is expected to increase.
- (4) The consolidated capital adequacy ratio is just over 10%, a level comparable to the rating. Going forward, the Company plans to aggressively build up operating assets, but the current level will likely be maintained as it continues to accumulate internal reserves. In terms of fundraising, SBI Shinsei Bank and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation are set to provide support the Company as main banks in parallel. The Company has also established a stable fundraising base with numerous financial institutions. In addition, there are a variety of funding sources, including CP and corporate bonds.

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Issuer: NEC Capital Solutions Limited

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Long-term Issuer Ra	ating: A Outlook:	Stable			
Issue	Amount (bn)	Issue Date	Due Date	Coupon	Rating
Bonds no. 14	JPY 10	July 13, 2018	July 13, 2028	0.620%	А
Bonds no. 18	JPY 10	Nov. 27, 2020	Nov. 27, 2030	0.520%	А
Bonds no. 19	JPY 10	July 16, 2021	July 16, 2026	0.180%	А
Bonds no. 20	JPY 10	Dec. 2, 2021	Dec. 2, 2031	0.380%	А
Bonds no. 21 (sust	tainability bonds)				
	JPY 5	Mar. 2, 2022	Mar. 2, 2027	0.350%	А
Bonds no. 22 (sust	tainability bonds)				
	JPY 5	Mar. 2, 2022	Feb. 28, 2025	0.180%	А
Bonds no. 23	JPY 10	June 7, 2022	June 6, 2025	0.290%	А
Bonds no. 24	JPY 10	Oct. 26, 2022	Oct. 24, 2025	0.320%	А
Bonds no. 25	JPY 10	June 7, 2023	June 5, 2026	0.340%	А
Bonds no. 26 (sust	tainability bonds)				
	JPY 5	Oct. 17, 2023	Oct. 17, 2028	0.728%	А
Bonds no. 27 (sust	tainability bonds)				
	JPY 5.6	Oct. 17, 2023	Oct. 16, 2026	0.500%	А
Shelf Registration: F	Preliminary A				
Maximum: IDV 10	0 hillion				

Maximum: JPY 100 billion

Valid: Two years effective from June 19, 2024

CP: J-1

Maximum: JPY 350 billion

#### Rating Assignment Date: October 23, 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 "JCR's Rating Methodology" (October 1, 2024) and "Leasing" (July 1, 2013) 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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Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.

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

Issuer:

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**NEC Capital Solutions Limited** 

Rating Publication October 28, 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 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 business 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) Business Bases

The likelihood of a given debt payment is highly conditional to its issuer's business bases - how they can be maintained/ expanded 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 a financial institution 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).

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 parent company, subsidiary, guarantor, and the government of the issuer's business domicile, etc. - by their own conditions and/ or position of support/assistance for the issuer.

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 of business performance, management plans, etc. presented by the rating stakeholders

9 Overall assessment of the Quality of Information Available and Considered in Determining the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(I) 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 warranty made by the issuer, the publication by the issuer, 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

- JCR receives payment of compensation for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented from either one of those parties who are issuer, underwriter, depositor or sponsor.
- JCR did not receive 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) Business Bases

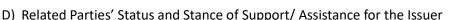
The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is improvement or deterioration of the issuer's business bases, since its revenue, etc. may improve or deteriorate by the change in its business management policies, clients' preferences, competitive situation, or a technological innovation. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change in the business bases 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 parent company or subsidiary, 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 business bases, 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 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 major shareholders, 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/

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

#### A) Business Bases

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 business bases 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 the issuer's business bases on some drastic change in the operational 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 business bases.

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. 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 parent company or subsidiaries, 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. 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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The Historical Performance of the Credit Rating

Issuer Name	Issue Name	Publication Date	Rating	Outlook/Direction
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Issuer(Long-term)	June 21, 2011	A-	Stable
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Issuer(Long-term)	September 10, 2012	A-	Stable
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Issuer(Long-term)	July 1, 2013	<u>A-</u>	Stable
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Issuer(Long-term)	July 25, 2014	A-	Stable
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Issuer(Long-term)	August 27, 2015	A- A-	Stable Stable
NEC Capital Solutions Limited NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Issuer(Long-term) Issuer(Long-term)	August 15, 2016 July 31, 2017	A- A-	Stable
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Issuer(Long-term)	September 11, 2018	A- A-	Stable
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Issuer(Long-term)	August 27, 2019	A- A-	Stable
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Issuer(Long-term)	October 27, 2019	A- A-	Stable
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Issuer(Long-term)	September 27, 2020	A-	Positive
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Issuer(Long-term)	September 29, 2022	A	Stable
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Issuer(Long-term)	September 8, 2022	A	Stable
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	CP	June 21, 2011	J-1	Stuble
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	CP	September 10, 2012	J-1	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	CP	July 1, 2013	J-1	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	CP	July 25, 2014	J-1	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	CP	August 27, 2015	J-1	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	CP	August 15, 2016	J-1	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	CP	July 31, 2017	J-1	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	СР	September 11, 2018	J-1	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	СР	August 27, 2019	J-1	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	СР	February 28, 2020	J-1	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	СР	October 27, 2020	J-1	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	СР	September 27, 2021	J-1	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	СР	September 29, 2022	J-1	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	СР	September 8, 2023	J-1	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Shelf Registration	June 19, 2024	А	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.14	July 6, 2018	A-	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.14	September 11, 2018	A-	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.14	August 27, 2019	A-	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.14	October 27, 2020	A-	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.14	September 27, 2021	A-	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.14	September 29, 2022	A	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.14	September 8, 2023	A	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.18	November 19, 2020	A-	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.18	September 27, 2021	<u>A-</u>	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.18	September 29, 2022	A	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.18	September 8, 2023	A	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.19 Bonds no.19	July 9, 2021 September 27, 2021	A- A-	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.19	September 29, 2021	A- A	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.19	September 8, 2022	A	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.20	November 25, 2021	A-	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.20	September 29, 2022	A	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.20	September 8, 2022	A	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.21	February 22, 2022	A-	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.21	September 29, 2022	A	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.21	September 8, 2023	A	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.22	February 22, 2022	A-	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.22	September 29, 2022	А	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.22	September 8, 2023	А	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.23	May 31, 2022	A-	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.23	September 29, 2022	А	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.23	September 8, 2023	А	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.24	October 20, 2022	А	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.24	September 8, 2023	А	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.25	June 1, 2023	А	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.25	September 8, 2023	А	
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.26	October 11, 2023	А	



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Issuer Name	Issue Name	Publication Date	Rating	Outlook/Direction
NEC Capital Solutions Limited	Bonds no.27	October 11, 2023	А	

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

I, Tomohiro Miyao, 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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