

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

## Azusa Limited Series 500

<Assignment>  
Notes: AA-

Azusa Limited Series 500 is a repackaged financial instrument, to which JCR has assigned a rating of AA-, as detailed hereunder.

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### Rating

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Instrument Name:	Series 500
Issue Amount (bn):	JPY 1.0
Issue Date:	May 15, 2023
Redemption Date:	October 8, 2026
Rating:	AA-

<Information on Structure and Stakeholders>

Issuer:	Azusa Limited
Arranger:	Merrill Lynch International
Swap Counterparty:	Merrill Lynch International

<Information on Underlying Assets>

Outline of Underlying Assets:	Notes, Asset Swap Agreement
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Rating Assignment Date: May 11, 2023

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 "Repackaged Financial Instruments" (August 5, 2019) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (<https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/>). Rating methodologies for other ancillary points such as eligible deposit accounts and bankruptcy remoteness are also shown within the same page.

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

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