



# MIRAE ASSET SECURITIES PERIODIC REVIEW



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## **DNV'S INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT**

## **Scope and Objectives**

On 29 June 2021, Mirae Asset Securities (hereinafter, "Mirae Asset Securities" or the "Company") issued a Green Bond (hereinafter, the "BOND") with the proceeds of USD 300 million. The BOND was issued based on Mirae Asset Securities' Green, Social and Sustainable Bond Framework ("Framework") which was published June 2021<sup>2</sup>.

DNV has been commissioned by Mirae Asset Securities to provide the review of Mirae Asset Securities' ESG Bond Annual Reporting (2023). Our criteria and information covered to serve the purpose are described under 'Work Undertaken' shown below. The periodic review was made based on the information and documents provided by Mirae Asset Securities as well as the interview conducted with its team or a delegated entity. We do not provide any independent assurance or other type of audit activities.

In this report, no assurance is provided regarding the financial performance of the Issuer, the value of any investments of the BOND, or the long-term environmental benefits arising from the nominated projects. Our main objective of these reviews has been to provide an assessment that the BOND has met the criteria established on the basis set out below.

## Responsibilities of the Management of Mirae Asset Securities and DNV

The management of Mirae Asset Securities has provided the information and data used by DNV during the delivery of this review. Our statement represents an independent opinion and is intended to inform Mirae Asset Securities management and other interested stakeholders in the BOND as to whether the established criteria have been met, based on the information provided to us. In our work we have relied on the information and the facts presented to us by Mirae Asset Securities. DNV is not responsible for any aspect of the nominated assets referred to in this opinion and cannot be held liable if estimates, findings, opinions, or conclusions are incorrect. Thus, DNV shall not be held liable if any of the information or data provided by Mirae Asset Securities is not correct or complete.

# Basis of DNV's opinion

- Principle One: Use of Proceeds. The Use of Proceeds criteria are guided by the requirement that an issuer of
  the BOND must use the funds raised to finance (or refinance) eligible activities. The eligible activities should
  produce clear environmental benefits.
- Principle Two: Process for Project Evaluation and Selection. The Project Evaluation and Selection criteria
  are guided by the requirements that an issuer of the BOND should outline the process it follows when
  determining eligibility of an investment using the BOND proceeds, and outline any impact objectives it will
  consider.
- **Principle Three: Management of Proceeds.** The Management of Proceeds criteria are guided by the requirements that the BOND should be tracked within the issuing organization, that separate portfolios should be created when necessary and that a declaration of how unallocated funds will be handled should be made.
- **Principle Four: Reporting.** The Reporting criteria are guided by the recommendation that at least Sustainability Reporting to the bond investors should be made of the use of the BOND proceeds and that quantitative and/or qualitative performance indicators should be used, where feasible.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The SPO was provided based on the Framework 2019 and after that only minor changes from the previous one were made for the Framework 2021 including reinforcing introduction part and a department name change in charge of ESG implementation.



## **Work Undertaken**

Our work constituted a high-level review of the available information, based on the understanding that this information was provided to us by Mirae Asset Securities in good faith. We have not performed an audit or other tests to check the veracity of the information provided to us. The work undertaken to form our opinion included:

- Creation of a Protocol, adapted to the purpose of the annual report, as described above and in Schedule 3 to this Assessment;
- Assessment of documentary evidence provided by Mirae Asset Securities on the annual report and supplemented by a high-level desktop research. These checks refer to current assessment best practices and standards methodology;
- · Review of published materials by Mirae Asset Securities and Mirae Asset Securities' website;
- Discussions with Mirae Asset Securities' responsible people, and review of relevant documentation and evidence related to the criteria of the Protocol; and
- Documentation of findings against each element of the criteria. Our opinion as detailed below is a summary of these findings.

## **Findings and DNV's Opinion**

DNV's findings are listed below:

1. **Principle One: Use of Proceeds.** Mirae Asset Securities has reported use of the proceeds of the BOND to finance and refinance projects and assets including:

#### Green category

- · Renewable Energy (Solar power)
- · Green Buildings

DNV reviewed the criteria for the project categories above to determine the eligibility of the nominated projects and assets.

- 2. Principle Two: Process for Project Evaluation and Selection. The proceeds of the BOND have been allocated to finance and refinance the assets as defined in Schedule 1. DNV has reviewed evidence that demonstrates that Mirae Asset Securities follows the project evaluation and selection described in the Framework, assesses opportunities for improvement and devises action plans and initiatives to mitigate negative environmental impact from its operations.
- 3. Principle Three: Management of Proceeds. DNV has reviewed evidence showing how Mirae Asset Securities traced the proceeds from the BOND, from the time of issuance to the time of disbursement. Mirae Asset Securities' treasury team tracks the net proceeds through a separate GSS Bond Register (the "Register") that includes details on issuing terms of GSS Bond and amount allocated to Eligible Projects. At the end of each financial period, Mirae Asset Securities reviews the outstanding balance of the BOND. As stated above, DNV provides no assurance regarding the financial performance of the BOND, the value of any investments in the Bond, or the effects of the transaction.
- **4. Principle Four: Reporting.** Mirae Asset Securities has confirmed that it will include and maintain a dedicated section on the BOND in its website. This includes a description of the project and value of the proceeds invested, as well as the associated qualitative and quantitative environmental impacts.

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On the basis of the information provided by Mirae Asset Securities and the work undertaken, it is DNV's opinion that the BOND meets the criteria established in the Protocol and that it is aligned with the stated definition of green bonds within the Green Bond Principles 202, which is to enable capital-raising and investment for new and existing projects with environmental and social benefits.

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# **Schedule 1. Nominated Projects & the Proceeds Allocation**

Total Allocation: USD 300,000,000 (fully allocated)

Asset Category	Project	Place		Al	located Amount (U	SD)	
Asset Category	Floject	Flace	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
	Green Building A	France	-	76,064,313	-	-	76,064,313
	Green Building A	France	-	77,568,538	-	-	77,568,538
Green Building	Green Building A	France		107,776,597		-	107,776,597
	Green Building B	USA	16,955,337	-	-	-	16,955,337
	Green Building B	USA	21,109,394		-	-	21,109,394
	Domestic Solar Power A	Korea	-	-	-	283,876	283,876
Renewable Energy	Domestic Solar Power B	Korea	-	=	-	170,212	170,212
	Overseas Solar Power C	Japan	-	71,733	-	-	71,733
Grand Total			38,064,731	261,481,181	-	454,088	300,000,000

# **Schedule 2. Impact Reporting (Green Category)**

# **Green Category – Renewable Energy**

Projects	Detail	Installed Capacity (MW)	Expected Power Generation (MWh/year)	Exp. CO2 avoided (kg/year)
	Japan	41.4	29	12,944
Solar Power	Korea A	2.0	131	62,152
	Korea B	2.0	79	37,266
Total		45.4	235	112,363

## **Green Category – Green Buildings**

Projects	Location	Net Lettable Area (m2)	Green Building Certification (Rating Level)
Green Building A	France	61,564	BREEAM Excellent
Green Building B	USA	130,649	LEED Gold
To	tal	192,213	-

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# **Schedule 3. Mirae Asset Securities-specific Eligibility Assessment Protocol**

## 1. Use of Proceeds

Ref	Criteria	Requirements	Works Undertaken		DNV Findings
1a	Type of bond / loan	The Bond and Loan must fall in one of the following categories, as defined by the Green/Social Bond Principles:  Green/Social Use of Proceeds Bond  Green/Social Use of Proceeds Revenue Bond  Green/Social Project Bond  Green/Social Securitized Bond  Loan instrument made available for Green and Social project (Green and Social use of loan proceeds)	Review of:  THE Company Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Framework  ESG Bond Annual Reporting (as of Sep 2023)  Discussion with Mirae Asset (or a delegated entity)	The reviewed evidence of Pro	dence confirms that the BOND falls in the category: oceeds.
1b	Sustainable Project Categories	The cornerstones of Sustainability Bond and Loan are the utilization of the proceeds of the bond and the loan which should be appropriately described in the legal documentation for the security.	Review of:  THE Company Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Framework  Sub Project Performance and Financial Documentation  ESG Bond Annual Reporting (as of Sep 2023)  Discussion with Mirae Asset (or a delegated entity)	green buildings w from Korea and J BOND  Green B  Renewa	uildings (99.8%) ble Energy-Solar Power (0.2%) re used for the following projects:  Location  France and USA

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Ref	Criteria	Requirements	Works Undertaken		DNV Findings
Ref	Environment al benefits	All designated Green Project categories should provide clear environmentally sustainable benefits, which, where feasible, will be quantified or assessed by the Issuer.	Review of:  THE Company Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Framework Environmental impact data Green building certificates ESG Bond Annual Reporting (as of Sep 2023)  Discussion with Mirae Asset (or a delegated entity)	environmental im calculation.     Green E with green Compare the among calculating the calculation of the calculat	Location  Republic of Korea and Japan  w data provided by Mirae Asset Securities to verify pact of the invested projects and its accuracy of  Buildings: Mirae Asset Securities invested the buildings en certifications as indicated in the Framework. The property presented case studies on this project which include unts of avoided CO2 emission. DNV checked on methods and found there is not anything incorrect in ulation methodology³ in exhibiting its environmental as a reference.  Build Energy: Mirae Asset Securities invested renewable such as solar power. The impact was calculated making apacity factor of solar generating technology from IEA of Costs of Generating Electricity. The calculation blogy was checked by DNV and nothing incorrect was
				Asset Securities'	it. above-mentioned effects, DNV considers that Mirae green building projects and renewable energy projects itive environmental impacts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Mirae Asset Securities used data from Climate Action Tracker (- an independent scientific analysis that tracks government climate actions and measures) for calculating emissions of commercial buildings which is compared against emissions of green buildings in the CBI Green Building carbon intensity target Calculator. As for baseline emissions, the Company used EIB Project Carbon Footprint Methodologies 2023.

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https://climateactiontracker.org/data-

portal/?country=US&sector=Buildings&indicator=Buildings%20emissions%20intensity%20(per%20floor%20area,%20commercial)&scenario=benchmark&scenario=historic&mode=indicators

https://www.climatebonds.net/standard/buildings/commercial/calculator

https://www.eib.org/attachments/lucalli/eib\_project\_carbon\_footprint\_methodologies\_2023\_en.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://www.oecd-nea.org/upload/docs/application/pdf/2020-12/egc-2020 2020-12-09 18-26-46 781.pdf



Ref	Criteria	Requirements	Works Undertaken	DNV Findings
1d	Refinancing Share	In the event that a proportion of the proceeds may be used for refinancing, it is recommended that issuers provide an estimate of the share of financing vs. re-financing, and where appropriate, also clarify which investments or project portfolios may be refinanced.	Review of:      ESG Bond Annual Reporting     (as of Sep 2023)     BOND proceeds allocation     data  Discussion with Mirae Asset (or a delegated entity)	DNV confirms that refinancing share is 99.8%.

# 2. Process for Project Selection and Evaluation

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	Works Undertaken	DNV Findings
2a	Investment- decision process	The Issuer of a Sustainability Bond and Loan should outline the decision-making process it follows to determine the eligibility of projects using Sustainability Bond and Loan proceeds. This includes, without limitation:	Review of:  • The Company Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Framework  • Internal confirmation related to the project selection  • ESG Bond Annual Reporting (as of Sep 2023)	In the 2021 Mirae Asset Securities' Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Framework, the company has indicated procedures for project selection and evaluation. DNV's assessment concluded that the Company has followed the procedures in the Framework. The project evaluation and selection was carried out, firstly by making relevant business units identify and propose eligible projects and secondly by ensuring that the ESG Implementation Team and Working Committee assess environmental of the projects and make recommendation for inclusion as Eligible Use of Proceeds.
		<ul> <li>A process to determine how the projects fit within the eligible Green and Social Projects categories identified in the Green/Social Bond Principles and Green/Social Loan Principles;</li> <li>The criteria making the projects eligible for using the Sustainability Bond proceeds; and</li> </ul>	Discussion with Mirae Asset (or a delegated entity)	

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		The environmental sustainability objectives, and the social objectivities		
2b	Issuer/borrower 's environmental and social and governance framework	In addition to information disclosed by an issuer on its Sustainability Bond process, criteria and assurances, Sustainability Bond and Loan investors may also take into consideration the quality of the issuer's overall framework and performance regarding environmental sustainability.	Review of:  • The Company Sustainability and CSR Policy and Governance Framework • 2023 Integrated Report <sup>5</sup> • The Company Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Framework • ESG Bond Annual Reporting (as of Sep 2023)  Discussion with Mirae Asset (or a delegated entity)	The website of Mirae Asset Securities describes its effort for promoting sustainability. It also issues sustainability report on an annual basis to communicate with related stakeholders about its sustainability effort. <a href="https://securities.miraeasset.com/newir/view/pc/en/about/sustain.jsp">https://securities.miraeasset.com/newir/view/pc/en/about/sustain.jsp</a>

# 3. Management of Proceeds

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	Works Undertaken	DNV Findings
3a	Tracking procedure	The net proceeds of Sustainability Bonds should be credited to a sub-account, moved to a sub-portfolio or otherwise tracked by the Issuer in an appropriate manner and attested to by a formal internal process that will be linked to the Issuer's lending and investment operations for Green/Social Projects.	Review of:  Mirae Asset Securities' Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Framework  Mirae Asset Securities' ERP snapshot GSS Bond Register (provided in summarized excel sheet)  Internal confirmation related to management of proceeds	The evidence reviewed shows how Mirae Asset Securities has tracked the Bond's proceeds appropriately, from the time of issuance to the time of disbursement. Mirae Asset's treasury team tracks the net proceeds through a separate GSS Bond Register (the "Register") that includes details on issuing terms of GSS Bond and amount allocated to Eligible Projects.  DNV confirmed that Mirae Asset Securities' internal process can manage and track the outstanding balance of the BOND proceeds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://securities.miraeasset.com/newir/view/pc/en/about/sustain.jsp

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3b	Tracking procedure	So long as the Sustainability Bonds and Loans are outstanding, the balance of the tracked proceeds should be periodically reduced by amounts matching eligible green investments or loan disbursements made during that period.	ESG Bond Annual Reporting (as of Sep 2023)  Discussion with Mirae Asset (or a delegated entity)  Review of:     Mirae Asset Securities' Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Framework     Mirae Asset Securities' ERP snapshot     GSS Bond Register (provided in summarized excel sheet)     ESG Bond Annual Reporting  Discussion with Mirae Asset (or a delegated entity)	The evidence reviewed shows that Mirae Asset Securities has traced the proceeds from the BONDs, from the time of issuance to the time of disbursement, and reduced the net balance of proceeds by amounts in line with its financing schedule. At the end of each financial period, the outstanding balances of the BOND were reviewed.
3c	Temporary holdings	Pending such investments or disbursements to eligible Green and Social Projects, the Issuer should make known to investors the intended types of temporary investment instruments for the balance of unallocated proceeds.	Review of:  Mirae Asset Securities' Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Framework  Mirae Asset Securities' ERP snapshot ESG Bond Annual Reporting  Discussion with Mirae Asset (or a delegated entity)	The evidence reviewed shows that the net proceeds of the BOND are being managed within Mirae Asset Securities' existing accounting system, have been tracked, and are reported to have been fully allocated to the nominated projects.

# 4. Reporting

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	Works Undertaken	DNV Findings
4a	Periodical	In addition to reporting on the	Review of:	Mirae Asset Securities will upload this ESG Bond Annual Reporting on its
	reporting	use of proceeds and the	Website	website: <a href="https://english.securities.miraeasset.com/">https://english.securities.miraeasset.com/</a>
		temporary investment of		
		unallocated proceeds, Issuers		

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should provide at least annually a list of projects to which Sustainability Bond proceeds have been allocated including

- when possible with regards to confidentiality and/or competitive considerations
- a brief description of the projects and the amounts disbursed, as well as the expected environmentally sustainable impact.

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Discussion with Mirae Asset (or a delegated entity)

The annual report includes a description of the project and value of the proceeds invested, as well as associated qualitative and quantitative environmental and social impacts.

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