

## **Independent Assurance Statement**

#### Introduction

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA), 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Kama Place, New Delhi - 110066 ("Issuer") has engaged Emergent Ventures India Pvt. Ltd. ("Verifier") for carrying out the post-issuance verification of bonds aggregating up to USD 300 million issued in 2017 ("Green Bonds") in accordance with the post-issuance requirements of "Limited Assurance" under Climate Bonds Standard Version 2.1.

#### Assurance scope and level of assurance

The scope of this assessment includes verification of information on the material aspects of the Green Bonds in accordance with post-issuance criteria including General and Technical Eligibility requirements of Climate Bonds Standard Version 2.1. The following areas have been covered in the assessment:

- 1) Selection of nominated projects and assets;
- 2) Use of proceeds;
- 3) Internal processes and controls; and
- 4) Reporting.

#### Activities undertaken

The verification process included interviews with key staff of Issuer and review of internal and public documents have on the following aspects:

- a. Purpose of use of proceeds;
- b. Process of selecting eligible projects;
- c. Reporting requirements, other internal processes and controls including the processes to track and earmark the proceeds of Green Bonds;
- d. Environmental objectives of Green Bonds;
- e. Process to determine whether the Nominated Projects & Assets meet the eligibility requirements specified in Part B of the Climate Bonds Standard;
- Investment areas for bond proceeds and temporary investment instruments for the management of unallocated proceeds;
- g. The list of Nominated Projects & Assets and their conformance with the eligibility requirements specified in Part B of the Climate Bonds Standard

No site visit has been carried out of the nominated projects & assets funded by Green Bonds.

## **Conclusions**

Based on the limited assurance procedures conducted and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that, in all material respects the Issuer's Green Bonds is not in conformance with the Climate Bonds Standard's Post-Issuance Requirements.

#### **Limitations & exclusions**

The verification does not:



- 1) Suggest or assist in implementing in any recommendations of any sort.
- 2) Assess data and information beyond the defined reporting boundary and period.
- 3) Set any expectations of the proposed Green Bonds issuance.
- 4) Verify the financial standing, economic performance and credit rating of the prospective issuer.
- 5) Verify statements by Issuer that describe opinions, beliefs, aspirations, expectations, aims or intentions.
- 6) Make any assessment of the environmental, social, or governance impact of the proposed projects/investments, except to the extent required for compliance with Climate Bonds Initiative Version 2.1.
- 7) Assess whether the proposed projects or investments comply with local regulations.

### Independence

The verification has been carried out by experts in finance, environment, social and governance due diligence, climate change and sustainability. No member of the verifier team is involved in any way in the issuance or management of Green Bonds. Verifier has applied internal procedures to confirm no conflicts of interest for this verification engagement.

## Issuer's responsibility

The Issuer is responsible to check compliance of Green Bonds with Climate Bonds Standard Version 2.1 as per the scope of Verification Engagement.

#### Verifier's responsibility

The report is intended to inform the Issuer about the compliance of Green Bonds to the extent of verifying in accordance with Climate Bonds Standard Version 2.1 and as per the scope of Verification Engagement with documents and information provided by Issuer.

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# Annex 1: List of Nominated Projects & Assets

Issuer allocated Green Bond proceeds to debt-finance the following projects:

Sector	Amount (INR Cr.)
Solar PV power projects	632.82
Solar PV Mfg.	35.71
Rooftop solar power projects	6.29
Solar power infrastructure development	34.55
Wind power projects	1232.28
Total	1941.65

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