

# **R&I** Green Bond Assessment

Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd. Unsec. Str. Bonds No.66 (Green Bonds) : GA1 (Formal) December 4, 2020

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Rating and Investment Information, Inc. (R&I) has assigned an R&I Green Bond Assessment to the financial instrument of Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.

#### Overview of R&I Green Bond Assessment

Financial Instrument Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd. Unsec. Str. Bonds No.66 (Green Bonds)	
Issue Amount (mn)	JPY 10,000
Issue Date	December 10, 2020
Maturity Date	December 10, 2030
Use of Proceeds	Renewable energy
Assessment	GA1 (Formal)

#### Assessment by item

Item	Assessment
Use of proceeds	00000
Process for project evaluation and selection	0000
Management of proceeds	0000
fReporting	0000
Environmental activities of the issuer	00000

<sup>\*</sup> Each item is assessed on a 5-point scale, from ppp pp pp (highest) to pp (lowest).

#### **Overall Assessment**

All proceeds of green bonds will be allocated to solar power projects in Annaka City, Gunma and Texas, USA. Tokyo Gas' structures for renewable energy projects are properly in place, and the two projects have great access to high demand areas. Moreover, the company gives due consideration to negative environmental and social impacts. Overall, R&I considers that the projects are expected to help reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions substantially. Tokyo Gas is committed to tackling a challenge of net zero CO<sub>2</sub> in the group's environmental goals, Compass 2030 management vision and FY2020-2022 medium-term management plan. One of the specific actions is to increase the group's renewable energy transaction volume, for which quantitative targets have been disclosed. The issuance of green bonds is positioned as financing for achieving these targets. The Accounting Department will manage proceeds, and all proceeds will be allocated to the two projects promptly after the issuance of green bonds. Reporting on allocation of proceeds and impact reporting will be disclosed for each project category. Impact reporting will cover the

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core indicators for renewable energy projects recommended by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA). The goals Tokyo Gas pursues under Compass 2030 are in line with the global long-term goal of the Paris Agreement, and the company is moving toward ambitious goals to combat global warming.

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## I. Outline of the Issuer

- Tokyo Gas is the largest city gas company in Japan. In November 2019, it unveiled the Tokyo Gas Group's management vision "Compass 2030," looking 30 years ahead. The vision shows the course the group should pursue over the next 10 years. One of the three challenges the vision calls for is to achieve net zero CO<sub>2</sub>. Tokyo Gas is the first major energy company to set this goal.
- To realize Compass 2030, the company will take five actions, including (1) coordination of renewable energies and natural gas, (2) decarbonization technology innovations and (3) overseas expansion. In overseas markets, the company aims to diversify its business by expanding its renewable energy business significantly in addition to promoting shale gas and other resource development and LNG and gas infrastructure. As one of its key performance indicators (KPIs), it targets renewable energy transaction volume of 2 million kW by FY2022 and 5 million kW by 2030.



# II. Assessment by Individual Item

# 1. Use of Proceeds

# (1) Eligible Projects

Tokyo Gas established the eligibility criteria shown below in its Green Bond Framework. Proceeds of
green bonds will be allocated to finance new investments or refinance existing investments related to
projects that meet the eligibility criteria. In the case of existing investments, proceeds will be allocated
only to expenditures made within 3 years before the issuance of green bonds.

#### <Eligible Criteria>

Category	Business / Project	Project Category in Green Bond Principles	Alignment with SDGs
Renewable energy	Projects for the development, construction, operation, renovation and other related expenditures of renewable energy (solar PVs) generation facilities	Renewable energy	7. Affordable and clean energy 9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure 11. Sustainable cities and communities 13. Climate action 17. Partnerships for the goals

• All proceeds will be allocated to projects for the solar power generation facilities listed below.

## <Project Summary>

Duningt No.	Project name	Location	Output at	Start of
Project No.	(Plant name)	Location	generator	operation
1	Annaka Solar Power	Annaka City Cunma	63,206kW	January
	Plant	Annaka City, Gunma		2020
2	Aktina Dower Plant	Wharton County, Texas,	630 00014W	FY2021
2	Aktina Power Plant	USA	630,000kW	F12U21

#### 1. Annaka Solar Power Plant (Annaka City, Gunma)

In February 2020, Prominet Power Co., Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Tokyo Gas, acquired the Annaka Solar Power Plant through Annaka Solar LLC, a special purpose company managed by Asia Pacific Land (Japan) Limited. The plant commenced operation in January 2020 as one of the largest solar power plants in the Kanto region in terms of generation capacity. It provides an environmentally valuable power source that helps reduce  $CO_2$  emissions by approximately 56,000 tons annually. After the feed-in tariff period ends, the company plans to use the plant as an in-house power source.

## 2. Aktina Power Plant (Wharton County, Texas, USA)

In August 2020, Tokyo Gas America Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Tokyo Gas, acquired the



Aktina Solar Project (Aktina) with a maximum output of 630,000kW, which had been developed by Hecate Energy LLC, a renewable energy development company, in Texas, USA. Aktina is planned to be brought online in blocks starting in FY2021. The Tokyo Gas Group takes initiative from construction to commercial operation. With abundant solar resource, Aktina is favorably located for solar power generation. The generated power will be sold to the ERCOT wholesale market in Texas.

- The amount (or percentage) allocated to refinancing will be disclosed on Tokyo Gas' website.
- Use of proceeds will be described in amended shelf registration statements, shelf registration supplements, etc.

## (2) Environmental Benefits

- After confirming Tokyo Gas' development and acquisition policies and operation, implementation and monitoring structures, R&I has judged that eligible projects for green bonds are expected to help reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions substantially.
- The two projects mentioned above have great access to high demand areas and will likely maintain their significant CO<sub>2</sub> reduction effect. The Annaka Solar Power Plant is situated in the Greater Tokyo area. With output controls unlikely to be imposed, high capacity utilization can be envisaged. The Aktina Power Plant is being constructed in Texas, which has the second largest population in the U.S., and is located approximately 140 kilometers from Houston, the largest city in the state. Moreover, Aktina has acquired its interconnection rights to transmission lines in the high-voltage grid, which are generally considered to have low transmission loss.
- Tokyo Gas plans to report their capacity (MW), energy generation (kWh) and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction amount (t-CO<sub>2</sub>) as environmental benefits of eligible projects.
- The Annaka Solar Power Plant promotes decentralized autonomous energy in the Greater Tokyo area and helps strengthen the area's resilience to disasters.

# (3) Consideration for Negative Environmental and Social Impacts

- In general, potential negative impacts of solar power generation projects on the environmental and social
  fronts include destruction of ecosystems or other adverse effects stemming from large-scale land
  reclamation, outflow of muddy water, light pollution and landscape deterioration, and noise and vibration
  from related facilities.
- When acquiring a project, Tokyo Gas confirms that measures to protect the surrounding environment have been taken, including necessary permits and licenses, by taking into account the opinions of third-party experts. R&I considers that the company gives due consideration to potential negative impacts of each project on the environmental and social fronts.

# Assessment (Use of Proceeds): 🏓 🔎 🥬 🕬

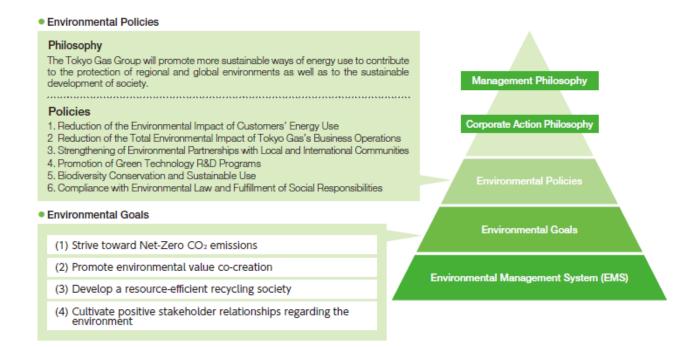
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# 2. Process for Project Evaluation and Selection

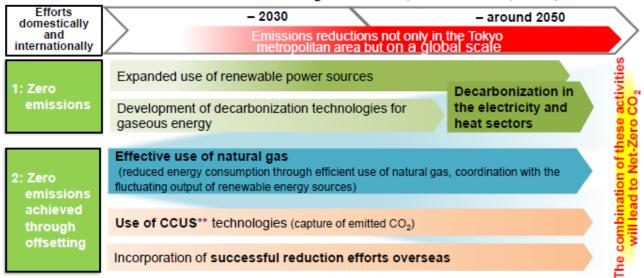
## (1) Incorporation into Comprehensive Objectives, Strategies and so on

 The Tokyo Gas Group has environmental policies and environmental goals based on its management philosophy and corporate action philosophy.



[Source: Exerpt from Tokyo Gas Group Sustainability Report 2020]

# <Efforts to achieve Net-Zero CO2 in the Tokyo Gas Group's style>



[Source: Exerpt from Tokyo Gas Group Compass 2030 Management Vision]

■ In November 2019, Tokyo Gas unveiled its Compass 2030 management vision, looking 30 years ahead. The vision shows the course the group should pursue over the next 10 years and calls for three challenges: leadership in the effort to achieve net zero CO<sub>2</sub>, establishment of a value co-creation



ecosystem and transformation of the LNG value chain. KPIs for net zero CO2 are CO2 reduction contribution and renewable energy transaction volume. The group aims to achieve 10 million tons in CO2 reduction contribution and 5 million kW in renewable energy transaction volume by 2030.

- Tokyo Gas expects demand for decarbonized energy to become apparent in the industrial arena before decarbonization technologies for gaseous energy 1 including city gas, its core product, are commercialized. The company takes on the challenge of achieving net zero CO2 by combining various initiatives such as 1) zero emissions through expanded use of renewable power sources and development of decarbonization technologies for gaseous energy and 2) zero emissions achieved through offsetting, where it strives to reduce energy consumption through effective use of natural gas and coordinate the use with the fluctuating output of renewable energy sources while using CCUS technologies and incorporating successful reduction efforts overseas.
- To realize Compass 2030, the company announced a Tokyo Gas Group FY2020-2022 medium-term management plan in March 2020. Over the 3-year period from FY2020, it will mainly focus on balancing the effective use of natural gas with the expansion of renewable energies and virtual power plants and acquiring technologies for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction, capture and use, as well as for zero emissions. KPIs include achieving 6.5 million tons in CO2 reduction contribution and 2 million kW in renewable energy transaction volume by FY2022.
- The two eligible projects are the acquisition of renewable energy power sources in and outside Japan. Both projects are well positioned in the context of the environmental policies and environmental goals mentioned above and are consistent with the roadmap for Compass 2030 and net zero CO2.

# (2) Criteria for Project Evaluation and Selection

- Tokyo Gas is committed to tackling a challenge of net zero CO<sub>2</sub> in its environmental goals, Compass 2030 management vision and FY2020-2022 medium-term management plan. One of the specific actions is to increase the group's renewable energy transaction volume, for which quantitative targets have been disclosed. The issuance of green bonds is positioned as financing for achieving these targets.
- Projects ineligible for the allocation of green bond proceeds are defined in the exclusion criteria shown below. The criteria are described in the Green Bond Framework.
  - Unfair transactions that do not comply with the laws and regulations of the country of residence, inappropriate relationships such as bribery, corruption, blackmail, embezzlement,
  - Transactions that can cause social problems such as human rights and the environment

## (3) Process for Project Evaluation and Selection

The Accounting Department selects projects and the accounting officer makes a final decision on eligible projects. The process for project evaluation and selection is described in the Green Bond Framework.

#### Assessment (Process for Project Evaluation and Selection): 🏓 🥬 🥬



Tokyo Gas is committed to tackling a challenge of net zero CO<sub>2</sub> in the group's environmental goals, Compass

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The search for ways to decarbonize gaseous energy has begun across the globe. P2G (power-to-gas) is one example. Empirical projects are underway to utilize hydrogen produced by electrolyzing water using renewable energy or hydrogen extracted from fossil fuels by combining CCS (CO2 capture and storage) and produce methane from the hydrogen (methanation).



2030 management vision and FY2020-2022 medium-term management plan. One of the specific actions is to increase the group's renewable energy transaction volume, for which quantitative targets have been disclosed. The issuance of green bonds is positioned as financing for achieving these targets. R&I considers the process for project evaluation and selection as clear and reasonable, and has judged it to be excellent.

# 3. Management of Proceeds

- The Accounting Department will manage proceeds of green bonds using the integrated accounting system, etc. The balance of unallocated proceeds will be confirmed at least quarterly. Unallocated proceeds will be managed in cash or cash equivalents. The method of managing proceeds is described in the Green Bond Framework and disclosed to investors.
- All proceeds will be allocated to the two projects promptly after the issuance of green bonds. The allocation of proceeds will be verified by an external reviewer.
- R&I has confirmed through an interview that the planned allocation amount for each project will not exceed the total project cost.

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# 4. Reporting

# (1) Overview of Disclosure

Reporting will be made as follows:

	Items	Timing	Method
Allocation of proceeds	The following will be disclosed for each project category.  • Amount allocated  • Amount allocated to existing expenditures  • Amount unallocated	Disclosed annually until all proceeds are allocated	Website
Impact	The following will be disclosed to the extent practically possible.  Capacity (MW)  Energy generation (kWh)  Annual CO <sub>2</sub> reduction amount (t-CO <sub>2</sub> )  Project summary	Disclosed annually until redemption	Website

• Disclosures should be made in a timely manner when a significant change is made to the proceeds allocation plan or when a significant change occurs in the allocation status after proceeds are allocated due, for example, to sale of assets.

# (2) Indicators to Show Environmental Benefits and Calculation Method, etc.

- Reporting on allocation of proceeds and impact reporting will be disclosed for each project category.
- Impact reporting will cover the core indicators for renewable energy projects recommended by the ICMA.
   Disclosures will be made in an aggregate format to the extent practically possible.

# Assessment (Reporting): 🏓 🔎 🥬

Reporting on allocation of proceeds and impact reporting will be disclosed for each project category. Impact reporting will cover the core indicators for renewable energy projects recommended by the ICMA. R&I has judged reporting to be excellent in terms of frequency and content, among other factors.



#### 5. Environmental Activities of the Issuer

- Tokyo Gas announced its policy toward decarbonization earlier than other major energy companies in Japan and leads the industry. In November 2019, the company committed to tackling a challenge of net zero CO2 in its Compass 2030 management vision. Together with a roadmap up to around 2050, it disclosed specific actions and quantitative targets. The medium-term management plan announced in March 2020 includes detailed strategies for the 3-year period from FY2020 under Compass 2030 along with quantitative targets.
- Following the publication of the IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C2 in 2018, more countries, local governments and companies have set net zero CO2 as their new target since 2019 to achieve a global long-term goal under the Paris Agreement<sup>3</sup>, and this has become a global trend. In October 2020, Japan's Prime Minister Suga also declared in its policy speech the country's aim to reach net zero CO<sub>2</sub> by 2050. The goals Tokyo Gas pursues under Compass 2030 are in line with the global long-term goal of the Paris Agreement, and the company is moving toward ambitious goals to combat global warming.
- In FY2019, Tokyo Gas scored an A- in the Climate Change assessment and an A in the Water assessment by CDP, an international non-profit organization that conducts environmental evaluation.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The IPCC stands for Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. It was established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988 to provide comprehensive assessments on the scientific, technical and socio-economic aspects of anthropogenic climate change, its impacts and options for adaptation and mitigation. In December 2018, the IPCC published a Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, which calls for achieving net zero global CO₂ emissions by 2050 in order to limit warming to 1.5°C and meet the globally shared goal of the Paris Agreement.

In the Paris Agreement adopted in 2015, all countries agreed on a global long-term goal of keeping a global temperature rise well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5°C. Following the publication of the IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C (see footnote 2) in 2018, more countries, local governments and companies have set net zero CO2 as their new target since 2019, which has become a global trend.



## III. Overall Assessment

- Prior to the R&I Green Bond Assessment, R&I has confirmed that the Green Bond Framework of these projects is aligned with the "Green Bond Principles 2018" and the Ministry of the Environment's "Green Bond Guidelines 2020."
- The green bonds that are assessed this time will be issued based on the above-mentioned Green Bond Framework determined by the issuer.
- All proceeds of green bonds will be allocated to projects for onshore solar power generation facilities (Annaka Solar Power Plant and Aktina Power Plant) in and outside Japan. Tokyo Gas' structures for renewable energy projects are properly in place, and the two projects have great access to high demand areas. Moreover, the company gives due consideration to negative environmental and social impacts. Overall, R&I considers that the projects are expected to help reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions substantially. Tokyo Gas is committed to tackling a challenge of net zero CO<sub>2</sub> in its environmental goals, Compass 2030 management vision and FY2020-2022 medium-term management plan. One of the specific actions is to increase the group's renewable energy transaction volume, for which quantitative targets have been disclosed. The issuance of green bonds is positioned as financing for achieving these targets. The Accounting Department will manage proceeds, and all proceeds will be allocated to the two projects promptly after the issuance of green bonds. Reporting on allocation of proceeds and impact reporting will be disclosed for each project category. Impact reporting will cover the core indicators for renewable energy projects recommended by the ICMA. The goals Tokyo Gas pursues under Compass 2030 are in line with the global long-term goal of the Paris Agreement, and the company is moving toward ambitious goals to combat global warming.



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# Green Bond / Green Bond Programme Independent External Review Form

# Section 1. **Basic Information** Issuer name: Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd. Green Bond ISIN or Issuer Green Bond Framework Name, if applicable: Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd. Unsec. Str. Bonds No.66 (Green Bonds) Independent External Review provider's name: Rating and Investment Information, Inc. (R&I) Completion date of this form: December 10, 2020 Publication date of review publication: December 10, 2020 Section 2. **Review overview SCOPE OF REVIEW** The following may be used or adapted, where appropriate, to summarise the scope of the review. The review assessed the following elements and confirmed their alignment with the GBPs: X**Use of Proceeds** Process for Project Evaluation and Selection $\boxtimes$ Management of Proceeds XReporting **ROLE(S) OF INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL REVIEW PROVIDER Second Party Opinion** Certification П Verification Scoring/Rating Other (please specify): Note: In case of multiple reviews / different providers, please provide separate forms for each review.

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REVIEW and/or LINK TO FULL REVIEW (if applicable)** <Scoring/Rating: R&I Green Bond Assessment> R&I has judged, in accordance with R&I Green Bond Assessment Methodology, that green bond proceeds are used to invest in projects with environmental benefits to a significant degree, and assigned GA1 (formal) to the green bond. For details, please refer to the report above. 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 **Overall comment on section** (if applicable): For details, please refer to "II Assessment by Individual Item, 1. Use of Proceeds" in the report above. Use of proceeds categories as per GBP: $\boxtimes$ Renewable energy Energy efficiency Pollution prevention and control Environmentally sustainable management of living natural resources and land use Terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity Clean transportation conservation Sustainable water and wastewater Climate change adaptation management Green buildings (Environmentally Eco-efficient and/or circular economy adapted products, production technologies and Responsible Building) processes Unknown at issuance but currently expected Other (please specify):

If applicable please specify the environmental taxonomy, if other than GBPs:

to conform with GBP categories, or other eligible areas not yet stated in GBPs

# 2. PROCESS FOR PROJECT EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Overall comment on section (if applicable):			
	details, please refer to "II Assessment by I tion" in the report above.	ndivid	ual Item, 2. Process for Project Evaluation and
Evalu	uation and selection		
	Credentials on the issuer's environmental sustainability objectives Defined and transparent criteria for projects eligible for Green Bond proceeds Summary criteria for project evaluation and selection publicly available		Documented process to determine that projects fit within defined categories  Documented process to identify and manage potential ESG risks associated with the project Other (please specify):
Infor	mation on Responsibilities and Accountab	ility	
	Evaluation / Selection criteria subject to external advice or verification Other (please specify):		In-house assessment
3. M	ANAGEMENT OF PROCEEDS		
Overa	all comment on section (if applicable):		
For above		vidual	Item, 3. Management of Proceeds" in the report
Track	ing of proceeds:		
$\boxtimes$	Green Bond proceeds segregated or tracked	by the	issuer in an appropriate manner
$\boxtimes$	Disclosure of intended types of temporary in	vestm	ent instruments for unallocated proceeds
	Other (please specify):		
Addit	cional disclosure:		
	Allocations to future investments only	$\boxtimes$	Allocations to both existing and future investments
	Allocation to individual disbursements		Allocation to a portfolio of disbursements
	Disclosure of portfolio balance of unallocated proceeds		Other (please specify):

# 4. REPORTING

Overa	all comment on section (if applicable):				
For	details, please refer to "II Assessment by Individ	lual It	em, 4. Reporting" in the report above.		
Use	of proceeds reporting:				
	Project-by-project	$\boxtimes$	On a project portfolio basis		
	Linkage to individual bond(s)		Other (please specify):		
	Information reported:				
	☑ Allocated amounts		Green Bond financed share of total investment		
	☑ Other (please specify):				
	The following will be disclosed for each project category.  Amount allocated/ Amount allocated to existing expenditures/ Amount unallocated				
	Frequency:				
	⊠ Annual		Semi-annual		
	☐ Other (please specify):				
Impa	act reporting:				
	Project-by-project	$\boxtimes$	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-post):				
	☑ GHG Emissions / Savings		Energy Savings		
	☐ Decrease in water use		Other ESG indicators (please specify): The following will be disclosed to the extent practically possible. Capacity (MW)/ Energy generation (kWh)/ Annual CO <sub>2</sub> reduction amount (t-CO <sub>2</sub> )/ Project summary		
Mea	ns of Disclosure				
	Information published in financial report		Information published in sustainability report		

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Review provider(s): Date of publication:
Second Party Opinion/Verification: DNV GL
Certification: Climate Bonds Initiative

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

- 1. Second Party Opinion: An institution with environmental expertise, that is independent from the issuer may issue a Second Party Opinion. The institution should be independent from the issuer's adviser for its Green 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 Green Bond Principles. In particular, it can include an assessment of the issuer's overarching objectives, strategy, policy and/or processes relating to environmental sustainability, and an evaluation of the environmental 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 environmental criteria. Verification may focus on alignment with internal or external standards or claims made by the issuer. Also, evaluation of the environmentally 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 Green Bond proceeds, statement of environmental impact or alignment of reporting with the GBP, may also be termed verification.
- 3. **Certification**: An issuer can have its Green Bond or associated Green Bond framework or Use of Proceeds certified against a recognised external green 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 Bond Scoring/Rating**: An issuer can have its Green Bond, associated Green 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 performance data, the process relative to the GBP, or another benchmark, such as a 2-degree climate change scenario. Such scoring/rating is distinct from credit ratings, which may nonetheless reflect material environmental risks.