

## NIBC BANK GREEN BOND

Allocation Report 2023

August 29, 2024



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### Green bonds outstanding

ISIN	Issue date	Maturity date	Size, EUR m
XS2384734542	9-Sep-2021	9-Sep-2026	750

Total amount of Green bonds outstanding	EUR 750 m
Proceeds allocated	EUR 750 m

NIBC has fully allocated the net proceeds to the portfolio of Eligible Assets which meet the eligibility criteria and other criteria described in NIBC's Green Bond Framework. This allocation was reviewed and approved by NIBC's Green Bond Working Group. For further information in regard to the governance of this instrument, please refer to the NIBC's Green Bond Framework, June 2021.

## Eligibility criteria<sup>1</sup>

Green Categories	Definition	Eligibility criteria
Renewable Energy	The financing or refinancing of renewable energy in the EU and UK	Wind energy Solar Energy
Green Buildings	The financing or refinancing of energy efficient commercial or residential real estate in the Netherlands	<ul> <li>Buildings with the construction year 2021 or later:         Energy performance is at least 10% lower than NZEB² requirements</li> <li>Buildings constructed prior to 2021:         The better of         1. EPC Label A or higher registered after 1/1/2013 or the construction date after 1/1/2013 (residential real estate only), or 2. Top 15% low-carbon residential or commercial buildings in the Netherlands</li> </ul>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Nearly Zero-Energy Building requirements in the Netherlands implementing Directive 2010/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.

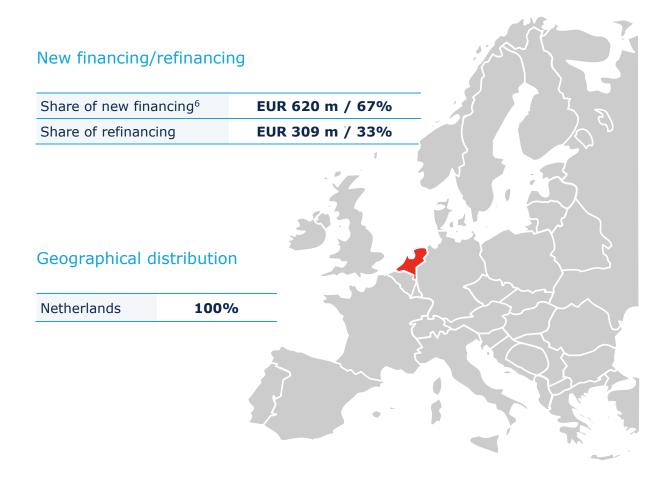


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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As per NIBC Bank Green Bond Framework, June 2021.

## Selection of eligible assets<sup>3</sup>

Renewable energy	EUR 0
Green buildings <sup>4,5</sup>	EUR 929 m



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> New financing are loans provided in the year of issuance of the Green Bond or later.



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> EUR 929m Green buildings is a selection of all eligible assets of which EUR 750m is a (sub)selection allocated to NIBC's green bond.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Nominal amount.

 $<sup>^{5}</sup>$  All buildings in the selection constructed earlier than 2021 have a valid EPC label A or better.



# Limited assurance report of the independent auditor on the Green Bond Allocation Report

To: the managing board and the supervisory board of NIBC Bank N.V.

### Our conclusion

We have performed a limited assurance engagement on the accompanying Green Bond Allocation Report for the year 2023 of NIBC Bank N.V. at The Hague.

Based on our procedures performed and the assurance information obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable criteria as included in the section "Criteria".

#### Basis for our conclusion

We have performed our limited assurance engagement on the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023 in accordance with Dutch law, including Dutch Standard 3000A "Assurance-opdrachten anders dan opdrachten tot controle of beoordeling van historische financiële informatie (attest-opdrachten)" (Assurance engagements other than audits or reviews of historical financial information (attestation engagements)). Our responsibilities in this regard are further described in the section "Our responsibilities for the assurance engagement on the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023" of our report.

We are independent of NIBC Bank N.V. in accordance with the "Verordening inzake de onafhankelijkheid van accountants bij assurance-opdrachten" (ViO, Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, a regulation with respect to independence). This includes that we do not perform any activities that could result in a conflict of interest with our independent assurance engagement. Furthermore, we have complied with the "Verordening gedrags- en beroepsregels accountants" (VGBA, Dutch Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants).

We believe that the assurance evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

### Criteria

The criteria applied for the preparation of the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023 are the criteria developed by NIBC Bank N.V. and are the "Green Bond Framework" version June 2021 as published on the company's website under "About NIBC, Sustainability" and the applied supplemental reporting criteria as disclosed in section "Eligibility criteria" of the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023.

The comparability of green bond allocation information between entities and over time may be affected by the absence of a uniform practice on which to draw, to evaluate and measure this information. This allows for the application of different, but acceptable, measurement techniques. Consequently, the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023 need to be read and understood together with the criteria applied.

### Limitations to the scope of our assurance engagement

The references to external sources or websites are not part of our assurance engagement on the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023. We therefore do not provide assurance on this information.



Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the managing board and the supervisory board for the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023

The managing board is responsible for the preparation of the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023 in accordance with the criteria as included in the section "Criteria". The managing board is also responsible for selecting and applying the criteria and for determining that these criteria are suitable for the legitimate information needs of the intended users, considering applicable law and regulations related to reporting. The choices made by the managing board regarding the scope of the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023 and the reporting policy are summarized in the "Green Bond Framework" version June 2021 of NIBC Bank N.V. as published on the company's website.

Furthermore, the managing board is responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023 that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The supervisory board is responsible for overseeing the reporting process of the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023 of NIBC Bank N.V.

Our responsibilities for the assurance engagement on the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023 Our responsibility is to plan and perform the assurance engagement in a manner that allows us to obtain sufficient and appropriate assurance evidence for our conclusion.

Our assurance engagement is aimed to obtain a limited level of assurance to determine the plausibility of the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023. The procedures vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent, than for a reasonable assurance engagement. The level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is therefore substantially less than the assurance that is obtained when a reasonable assurance engagement is performed.

We apply the "Nadere voorschriften kwaliteitssystemen" (NVKS, regulations for quality management systems) and accordingly maintain a comprehensive system of quality management including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and other relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

Our assurance engagement included amongst others:

- Performing an analysis of the external environment and obtaining an understanding of the sector, insight into relevant sustainability themes and issues and the characteristics of the company as far as relevant to the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023
- ▶ Evaluating the appropriateness of the criteria applied, their consistent application and related disclosures on the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023. This includes the evaluation of the reasonableness of estimates made by the managing board
- Obtaining through inquiries a general understanding of the internal control environment, the reporting processes, the information systems and the entity's risk assessment process relevant to the preparation of the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023, without obtaining assurance information about the implementation or testing the operating effectiveness of controls



- Identifying areas of the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023 where misleading or unbalanced information or a material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, is likely to arise. Designing and performing further assurance procedures aimed at determining the plausibility of the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023 responsive to this risk analysis. These procedures consisted amongst others of:
  - Making inquiries of management and relevant staff at corporate level responsible for the sustainability strategy, policy and results relating to the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023
  - Interviewing relevant staff responsible for providing the information for, carrying out controls on, and consolidating the data in the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023
  - Obtaining assurance evidence that the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023 reconciles with underlying records of NIBC Bank N.V.
  - Reviewing, on a limited sample basis, relevant internal and external documentation
  - Considering the data and trends
- Reconciling the relevant financial information with the financial statements
- Considering whether the Green Bond Allocation Report 2023 is presented and disclosed free from material misstatement in accordance with the criteria applied.

Amsterdam, 29 August 2024

signed by J. Niewold

EY Accountants B.V.